

# STAMP<sup>TM</sup>

## MAGAZINE



**The stirring  
badge design  
of Barbados**



**Why many collectors  
find Penny Blacks just  
too tough a challenge**



### Spacewalking

A theme that can't keep  
its feet on the ground



### Out posts

Mail services to Britain's  
most remote addresses

## Crown jewels of Sweden



The best ever  
collection of  
the 1855 first  
issue, including  
Europe's most  
wanted stamp

# London2015

## 13-16 May 2015

Business Design Centre  
Upper Street, Islington  
London N1 0QH



## International Philatelic Exhibition

125+ leading dealers & postal administrations

International auction

1500 frames of top-class all-world exhibits

Special display: *'Philatelic Events that Changed the World'*

Demonstration of Sperati printing press

Reading Room to study 100+ Literature exhibits

Seminars, Society meetings and tables

# www.London2015.net

London 2015 thematics will be exhibited in Essen, Germany from 7-9 May.  
The winners will be displayed in London. Details at [www.ectp.de](http://www.ectp.de)

Partners include







# COME AND SEE THE 10 MILLION DOLLAR STAMP!

The world's most valuable stamp, the LEGENDARY "BRITISH GUIANA 1c MAGENTA"  
will be exhibited at MonacoPhil 2015.

MONACO  
STAMP  
AND COIN  
MUSEUM



Copyright: Sotheby's

3-5  
DECEMBER  
2015

**MonacoPhil 2015 will again be a major international philatelic event:**

The traditional exhibition of 100 world rarities

An exhibition of major collections belonging to members of the Club de Monte-Carlo

An exhibition of Polar philately with particular emphasis on Russian expeditions

80 stands of Postal Administrations and International Stamp Dealers

Our partners:

Terrasses de Fontvieille  
MC-98000 Monaco  
Principality of Monaco



[www.monacophil.eu](http://www.monacophil.eu)

## WELCOME

As the 175th anniversary of the introduction of adhesive postage stamps draws near, it was fitting that the Great Britain Philatelic Society (itself celebrating its diamond jubilee) should set the agenda at Spring Stampex.



Its members had more than 200 frames on public display, and I spent some hours marvelling at both the breadth and the depth of the exhibits.

Everyone's eye will have been caught by something different in a truly eclectic mix. For my own part, I was particularly struck by Ray Simpson's comprehensive history of stamp perforation up to 1880, the impressive 'Bosworth' collection of first day usages starting as early as 1839, Mike Jackson's study of the plates, paper and perforation of the often overlooked Downey heads of King George V, Ian Harvey's array of advertisers' voucher copies of early 20th-century booklets, and Lawrence Haber's very thorough examination of the 1/2p Machin as a make-up value on modern covers.

But if there was one display that left me gobsmacked it was Chip Gliedman's. At first sight it looked like a traditional exhibit of the imperforate line-engraved issues, showing singles, multiples, plate numbers, shades, varieties, covers, cancellations, you name it. But then it dawned on me that every single item included a Penny Black, Penny Red or Twopenny Blue with the corner letters CG, the collector's initials.

Some people just refuse to do things the easy way!

## GUY THOMAS, Editor

guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com

**Stamp Magazine, MyTimeMedia Ltd, Enterprise House, Enterprise Way, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6HG**  
(please mark all correspondence either 'Editorial' or 'Advertising')

### Art Editor

Alexandra Bourdelon

### Advertisement Sales Consultant

Jay Jones

jay.jones@mytimemedia.com

### Overseas Advertisement Sales

Uty Rohrs

Tel: 020 7834 0085

### Group Advertisement Manager

Duncan Armstrong

### Design Manager

Siobhan Nolan

### Publisher

Julie Miller

### Subscriptions Manager

Kate Hall

### Chief Executive

Owen Davies

### Publisher

MyTimeMedia Ltd

From inside UK. Tel: 0844 412 2262

From outside UK. Tel: +44 1689 869840

### Printer

William Gibbons & Sons Ltd

### Subscriptions: UK

Tel: 01858 438798

mytimemedia@subscription.co.uk

### Subscriptions: USA & Canada

Tel: +1 866 647 9191

### Subscriptions: Rest of the World

Tel: +44 1689 869896

### Back Issues & Binders

From inside UK. Tel: 0844 848 8822

From outside UK. Tel: +44 24 7632 2234

customer.services@myhobbystore.com

www.myhobbystore.co.uk

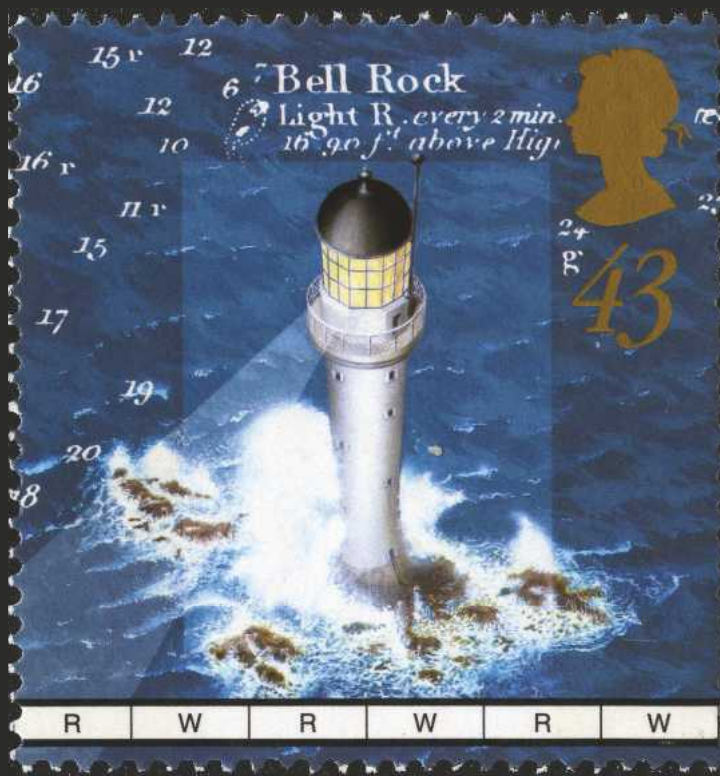
ISSN 0307-6679

USA Stamp Magazine, ISSN 0307-6679, is published monthly by MyTimeMedia Ltd, Hadlow House, 9 High Street, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent BR6 6BG, UK. The US annual subscription price is £56GBP (equivalent to approximately 108USD). Airfreight and mailing in the USA by agent named Air Business Ltd, c/o Worldnet Shipping Inc, 156-15, 146th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jamaica, NY 11434, USA. Periodicals postage paid at Jamaica NY 11431. US Postmaster: send address changes to Stamp Magazine, Worldnet Shipping Inc, 156-15, 146th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jamaica, NY 11434, USA. Subscription records are maintained at CDS Global Ltd, Tower House, Sovereign Park, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 9EF, UK. Air Business Ltd is acting as our mailing agent.



**mytime media**  
print & digital media publishers

## IN THIS ISSUE



**80** If you live somewhere like this, what are your chances of getting a regular postal delivery?

## 8 WORLD NEWS

Rarities of Imperial China found in a Gloucestershire attic, and radical new issues from Canada, Jersey and New Zealand

## 14 AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Rarities under the hammer from Great Britain, Kenya & Uganda, China, USA, Russia, Switzerland, Madagascar and more

## 20 GB COLLECTOR

BPMA leads the commemoration of Anthony Trollope, while Bletchley Park Post Office is told to close down

## 26 LETTERS

Why cancelling stamps shouldn't be Royal Mail's chief concern, and why reputable dealers shouldn't sell forgeries

## 33 DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

We love the Penny Black for its history and its simple beauty. But is it more difficult than most of us would like to admit?



**14** High value with a high price tag



**33** The first stamp, and one of the trickiest





**90** It took many years for commemorative stamps to reflect spacewalking feats accurately



**87** Only a handful of the French post offices in Turkey had dedicated stamp issues



**38** The most comprehensive collection ever of classic Sweden



**45** Barbados badge issues



**99** Cinderellas celebrating the state of Victoria and city of Melbourne

## FEATURES

### 38 GOLDEN COLLECTION OF SWEDEN

Gustaf Douglas' collection of the 1855-58 first issue of Sweden encompasses essays, proofs, stamps and covers. Oh, and the little matter of the most valuable item in European philately

### 80 MAIL TO BRITAIN'S REMOTE OUTPOSTS

Intrepid human stories behind the tricky delivery of post to and from the least accessible places in the British Isles, from isolated crags to windswept lighthouses

### 90 THEMATIC GUIDE TO SPACEWALKING

It is 50 years since the first cosmonaut stepped outside his capsule and floated in space. How have commemorative stamps and covers reflected the distinguished history of extra-vehicular activity?

### 45 COMMONWEALTH CLASSICS

Resonating of Britannia, the Badge of the Colony dominated Barbados stamps for 50 years from 1892

### 87 FORGOTTEN COUNTRIES

Dedeagatz was a port disputed by Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria, but its stamp issues were French

### 99 CINDERELLA CORNER

How the centenaries of Melbourne and Victoria were marked in 1934

### 104 Q&A

Your questions answered

### 108 WHAT'S ON

Exhibition, auction, fair and society dates for your diary

### 116 NEW ISSUE GUIDE

The latest stamps from around the world, with a thematic checklist

### 145 STRANGE BUT TRUE

The ultimate Cold War weapon of the 1960s: a tin of grey paint

## COMPETITIONS

Win a Comedy Greats presentation pack!

Or a copy of our GB price guide!

See page 35



*'Gradually, it dawned on me that I was acquiring Penny Blacks more out of duty than out of devotion'*

see page 33

## SUBSCRIBE

Take advantage of our special subscription offer and have *Stamp Magazine* delivered to your door. See page 102





# Faroe Islands

New stamps on 23th February 2015!

## Magna Carta - 800 Years



FO 800

In June this year, 800 years have passed since one of the world's most important documents, the Magna Carta was sealed in a meadow at Runnymede in Berkshire. The document was the result of an agreement between King John I and the barons who had rebelled against his oppressive regime.



## Vagar Airport

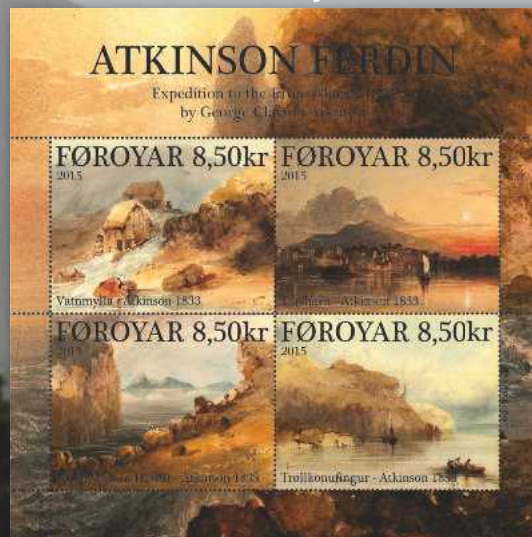


FO 802-803



On June 18, 2014, the new terminal at Vagar Airport opened. A modern monument in steel and glass, adapted to the special Faroese topography. The story of the airport has inspired the design of the building. The large arched roofs are a tribute to the military barracks of the British troops, who built the airport during World War II.

## The Atkinson Expedition in 1833



FO 804-807

English travel writer, artist, and naturalist George Clayton Atkinson (1808-1877) set sail for the Faroe Islands on May 26, 1833. He left Newcastle, aboard the Peggy, to embark on a three-month research expedition. Of particular interest to Atkinson, who was accompanied by William Cookson and William Proctor, were the birdlife, geology, and folklore of the Faroe Islands and Iceland.

## 100 years of women's suffrage



FO 801

In 1915, Faroese women gained the right to vote for both houses of the Danish Parliament, the Folketing and Landsting. On 5 June 1915, as part of an amendment of the Danish Constitution, women were granted the right to vote.

Online webshop on [www.stamps.fo](http://www.stamps.fo) !

Posta Stamps, Óðinshædd 2  
FO-100 Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Tel. +298 346200, Fax. +298 346201  
E-mail: [stamps@posta.fo](mailto:stamps@posta.fo)





# SELLING YOUR STAMPS?

Warwick and Warwick have an expanding requirement for world collections, single country collections, single items, covers, proof material and specialised collections, with G.B. material being particularly in demand. Our customer base is increasing dramatically and we need an ever-larger supply of quality material to keep pace with demand. The market has never been stronger and if you are considering the sale of your collection, now is the time to act.

## FREE VALUATIONS

We will provide a free, professional and without obligation valuation of your collection. Either we will make you a fair, binding private treaty offer, or we will recommend inclusion of your property in our next specialist public auction.

## FREE TRANSPORTATION

We can arrange insured transportation of your collection to our Warwick offices completely free of charge. If you decline our offer, we ask you to cover the return carriage costs only.

## FREE VISITS

Visits by our valuers are possible anywhere in the country or abroad, usually within 48 hours, in order to value larger collections. Please telephone for details.

## ADVISORY DAYS

We are staging a series of advisory days and will be visiting the following towns within the next few weeks, **Holyhead, Llandudno, Windsor, Wigan, Haydock, Cambridge, Newmarket, St Andrews, Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline, Swindon, Tamworth, Shrewsbury, Sittingbourne, Bedford, Mansfield**

Please visit our website or telephone for further details.

## EXCELLENT PRICES

Because of the strength of our customer base we are in a position to offer prices that we feel sure will exceed your expectations.

## ACT NOW

Telephone or email Ian Hunter today with details of your property.



Warwick & Warwick Ltd.  
Auctioneers and Valuers

Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road,  
Warwick CV34 5DB

Tel: 01926 499031 Fax: 01926 491906

E-mail: [ian.hunter@warwickandwarwick.com](mailto:ian.hunter@warwickandwarwick.com)

[www.warwickandwarwick.com](http://www.warwickandwarwick.com)



# Warwick & Warwick



# Early China rarities turn up in English village attic

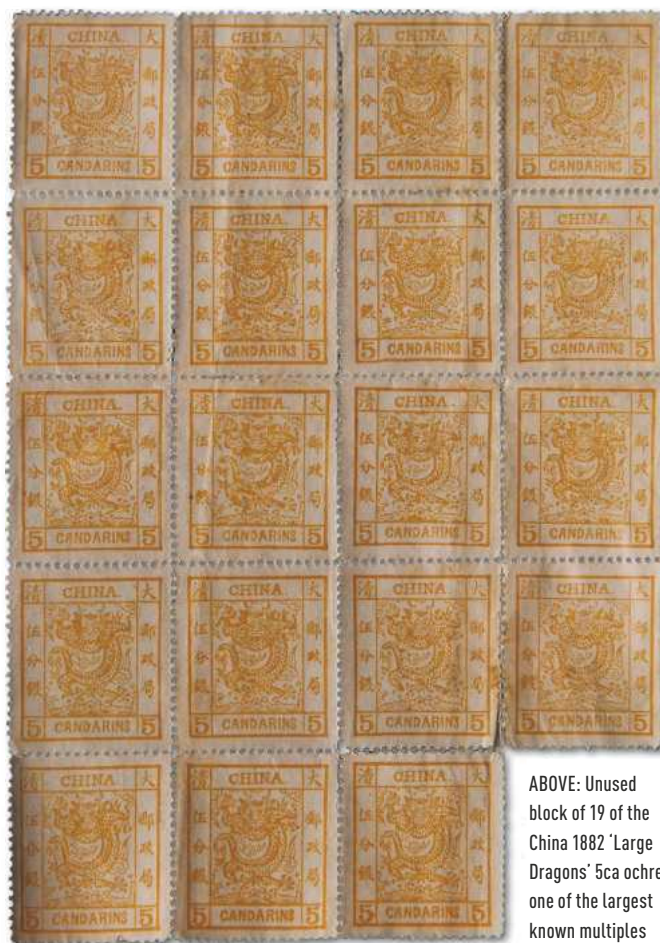
A 130-year-old stash of the top value from the first stamp issue of China could sell for £250,000 in Hong Kong, having been spotted at a non-philatelic auction in Gloucestershire in January with a lower estimate of just £800.

British Bespoke Auctions of Winchcombe offered an old wooden cigar box containing three blocks of unused stamps, which several bidders realised were examples of the 5ca ochre from the 1882 issue of China's 'Large Dragons', which had wider margins and thinner paper than other printings in the same series.

The blocks of 19, 10 and six were snapped up for £79,000 by British dealer Rushstamps, in partnership with US auctioneer Kelleher, and are expected to be fiercely fought over by specialist collectors, as only three other multiples survive.

Of these, the unique complete sheet of 25 realised almost £375,000 when it was last auctioned, in 1991, and is believed to have changed hands by private treaty for around £600,000 in the interim. Even the smallest known block, a marginal pair, has been sold in the past for more than £50,000.

The new discoveries, which languished forgotten in an attic in the Cotswolds for more than a century, are thought to have been



ABOVE: Unused block of 19 of the China 1882 'Large Dragons' 5ca ochre, one of the largest known multiples

purchased by an English missionary in Shanghai at the time of issue, originally intended for postal use, with left-over stamps brought home by him as souvenirs.

Expertised and plated by Larry Gibson of Kelleher, the blocks are to be auctioned by Kelleher in Hong Kong under the title of the 'Lady Cotswolds Missionary Find'.

## Fabric stamp marks 50 years of Canada's flag

Canada has issued its first fabric stamp, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the national flag.

The large-format (100mm x 50mm) self-adhesive \$5 value, which comes in a miniature sheet, is printed in special ink on a satin rayon fabric. The sheet is also printed on the back, with an image of the flag flying.

A limited edition of 1,000 uncut press sheets are being offered, signed by Joan O'Malley, the original seamstress of the prototype flag.

Canada Post is also issuing a Permanent-rate stamp showing an undulating flag against a blue sky with the numerals '50' in the background.

The maple leaf flag was first flown in public on February 15, 1965, at an inaugural ceremony in Ottawa. 'It has become part of the fabric of our lives,' said Deepak Chopra, President of Canada Post.



CANADIAN BANK NOTE | Design: Kosta Tsetsekas, Defne Corbacioglu, Signals | Photo: Mike Savage



## Australia evokes the heyday of clipper ships

An evocative new issue from Australia depicts four classic clipper ships of the British Empire, based on mid-19th-century paintings.

These fast sailing vessels were crucial in the development of the Australian colonies, because they were the fastest way to get from Britain to Australia and back in that period.

One of the featured ships is *Phoenician*, built in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1847, which was the first clipper ship to sail to Australia in 1849, taking 91 days.

The other stamps show *Frances Henty*, built in Aberdeen in 1852; *Arabian*, built in St John, New Brunswick, in 1852; and *Monkchester*, built in North Shields, England, in 1865.

The clipper route ran from west to east, round the Cape of Good Hope and then across the Southern Ocean, making use of the southern hemisphere's strong westerly winds known as the Roaring Forties. It returned via Cape Horn, thereby completing a circumnavigation of the globe.

The route fell into commercial disuse with the introduction of steam power, and the construction of the Suez and Panama canals. However, it remains the fastest sailing route around the world.



## British Guiana 1c to be exhibited in Monaco

The headline attraction at Monacophil 2015, which takes place at Monaco's Stamp & Coin Museum on December 3-5, will be the unique British Guiana 1856 1c black on magenta, which reclaimed its crown as the world's most expensive stamp when it was sold for £4.6m in June 2014.

The biennial event traditionally includes an exhibition of 100 world rarities.



## Jersey definitive set includes a world first

Jersey's new definitive range includes what is claimed to be the world's first stamp with an embossed hologram.

Printed by Cartor, with input from the German hologram manufacturer Kurz, the £5 value incorporates three different holographic effects.

It is the top value in a set of 11 illustrating the Crest of Jersey, which features three leopards. The lower values range from 1p to £1, in a palette of different colours.

All the stamps have the names of the island's 12 parishes microprinted in their wavy-line background pattern.

The existing £10 definitive, issued in 2012 and portraying the Queen, is also holographic.



### NEWS IN BRIEF

➤ Stanley Gibbons has published new editions of its Germany, Austria & Hungary, Russia, Cyprus, Gibraltar & Malta, Southern & Central Africa, East Africa, Australia and Canada & Provinces catalogues.

➤ The Netherlands postal service delivered Valentine cards free of charge on February 14 if they bore a lipstick kiss in place of a stamp. Automatic sorting machines had to be specially reconfigured to recognise lipstick!

➤ At Stampex, the organisers of London 2015 Europhilex released the penultimate souvenir postcard in a series recalling previous London exhibitions. The 15th and last will be available at London 2015 itself in May.

➤ A new book, *Fleeing From The Führer: A Postal History Of Refugees From The Nazis*, by Charmian Brinson and William Kaczynski, features postcards and covers from Jewish refugees and internees during World War II. It is published by The History Press, priced £14.99.

➤ The Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies is holding a stamp and postcard day on Saturday, March 28, at Burgess Hill School for Girls. There will be displays of Chalon head stamps and postcards, as well as dealers' stands. Visit [www.sussexphilately.org.uk](http://www.sussexphilately.org.uk)

➤ French definitive stamps to a total value of up to €40m were stolen from a lorry in February.

## Cricket World Cup miniature sheet from co-host New Zealand

New Zealand has issued a miniature sheet of 14 self-adhesive stamps to celebrate the Cricket World Cup, which it is jointly hosting with Australia.

Each 80c stamp is circular, in the guise of a cricket ball, and represents one of the 14 competing countries, in suitable colours and showing the appropriate

national flag (although not the country name, to avoid confusion with the name of the issuing country), as well as the tournament logo.

The competition began on February 14. After 49 matches spread over 44 days, the final will take place in Melbourne, Australia, on March 29.



## Stamp Active competition winners...

The Kidstamps Trophy for best overall exhibit in this year's Stamp Active competition for junior collectors, displayed at Stampex, went to Carys Llewellyn (from the 10-11 age group) for 'Winter Sports'.

Age group winners also included Stephanie Hay for 'Puppet World' (ages 12-13) and Havanna McIndoe (under 10s) for 'Suspension Bridges'.

The best group entry was judged to be from St Clement's Church, and the Schools Trophy once again went to Doonfoot Primary School.

There were 30 entrants, many of them exhibiting for the first time.

## ...and activity book for young collectors

Stamp Active, the voluntary group that promotes stamp collecting to children, has published its latest Stamp Fun activity book, *Brilliant Britain*.

The 16-page booklet contains games and quizzes, as well as pages on which to mount British stamps.

Launched at Spring Stampex in February, it will also be available in the youth area at London 2015 Europhilix in May.

For further details visit the Stamp Active website, at [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk)

## Guernsey joins Post & Go club

Guernsey's first Post & Go stamps made their debut appearance at Spring Stampex in London on February 18, vended by a Royal Mail series 2 machine.

Depicting the Guernsey flag, they were available in six denominations: local letter, local large letter, UK letter, UK large letter, international up to 20g and international up to 40g.

Examples are also available from the Guernsey philatelic service, in mint sets, in presentation packs and on first day covers, printed on a series B back-office machine in St Peter Port.



## Alice's adventures in Alderney

Alderney followed Royal Mail's lead in issuing stamps marking the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's classic children's novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Issued on February 5, the set comprises sheet stamps featuring Alice with a flamingo, the White Rabbit, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, the Hatter and the Queen of Hearts.

There is also a £3 miniature sheet illustrating the Hatter's Tea Party.





# Get the Best Deal!

## Thinking about selling your stamps?

**Apex offers a FREE VALUATION SERVICE - with a full and immediate settlement - any currency, any amount, anywhere!**

Apex is looking to buy quality single items and collections.

## Our offers are hard to beat!

Send what you have for our immediate attention. Or our specialists will be delighted to meet you at our London offices – an appointment not always necessary. For properties of sufficient value, we can come to you if you prefer.

We'll provide an immediate appraisal of what your stamps are likely to fetch at auction and, based on that figure, an offer for private treaty purchase. You choose whether you prefer to consign at auction, or sell via private treaty at the full cash value – **we'll find the deal that's right for you.**

Get the best deal, by dealing with one of the UK's leading stamp dealers and auctioneers – Apex Philatelics.

Get in touch today!

Our Principal Philatelic Buyers and Specialists:

Tim Francis	+ 44 (0) 7889 006 736
Rick Warren	+ 44 (0) 1342 830 220
Colin Avery	+ 44 (0) 207 495 9497

We look forward to hearing from you!



# APEX



@ApexPhilatelics



/ApexPhilatelics

**For more information about our services please contact us:**

399 Strand | London | WC2R 0LX | [www.apexstamps.com](http://www.apexstamps.com)  
+44 (0)207 495 9497 | [admin@apexstamps.com](mailto:admin@apexstamps.com)



# See us at London 2015

Consign to Our July Auction of China, Hong Kong & Asia



*A magnificent Large Dragons registered envelope, of which less than a handful are known during the proper period of use.*

— One of the most important covers of the Ching Dynasty —

Interasia's 18-19 July auction will be this year's major auction of Asian stamps and postal history from the world's preeminent auctioneer of China and Hong Kong.

**Please come visit us at Stand 253.**

**interasia**  
auctions

**interasia auctions limited**

Suite A, 13/F, Shun Ho Tower, 24-30 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong  
tel: +852 2868 6046 fax: +852 2868 6146 email: [info@interasia-auctions.com](mailto:info@interasia-auctions.com)

**[www.interasia-auctions.com](http://www.interasia-auctions.com)**



## Auction 22 ~ March 31st 2015



A rare item from our Auction 22, consisting mostly of listed varieties.  
Download the Catalogue from [www.murraypayne.com](http://www.murraypayne.com)

**Viewing available at Stanley Gibbons 19th March 1pm-4pm**  
**Strand Stamp Fair 20th March 8am-2pm**



## KENYA & UGANDA 1925 £100 with plate number

Spink's latest sale of material from the impressive Vestey Collection focused on East Africa, and included one of the great rarities of the British Empire.

The top value in Kenya & Uganda's 1922-27 King George V definitive series, the 1925 £100 red and black issued in October 1925, has a six-figure catalogue value in mint condition. This particular example was a marginal copy from the top left corner of the sheet, showing the plate number '1', making it a magnificent exhibition showpiece.

**SOLD BY SPINK £120,000**

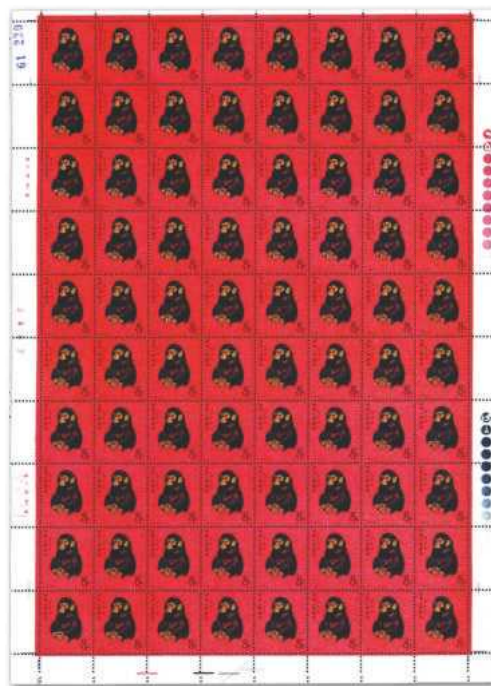


## CHINA 1980 Year of the Monkey complete sheet

The 8f stamp issued in 1980 to mark the Year of the Monkey is one of China's great modern rarities, and never fails to realise high prices. Zurich Asia's latest auctions offered not one but two complete sheets as separate lots, both in mint condition.

They differed in that one sheet had gold markings in the right margin, while the other had red and black markings. The latter fetched the higher price, but only by a fraction.

**SOLD BY ZURICH ASIA £106,848**



## UNITED STATES 1901 Pan-American Exposition 2c inverted centre

Siegel's auction offered one of the finest known examples of an invert from the United States' first stamp issue of the 20th century, celebrating the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo in 1901.

Only 64 mint singles are recorded of the 2c with its vignette of an express train inverted, and most of them are badly centred and have minor or major faults. This one has no such defects and makes a fine exhibition piece.

Bicoloured printing meant that this commemorative issue yielded three famous inverts, on the 1c, 2c and 4c values. It has since been established that the 4c was created on purpose, but the 1c and 2c were genuine errors.

**SOLD BY SIEGEL £29,303**





## GERMAN POST OFFICES IN TURKEY 1874

### Three-colour franking to France

A shining star in Christoph Gärtner's latest auction was a letter sent from Constantinople in Turkey to Lyon in France, with a three-colour franking from the 1872 first issue of the German Empire.

The cover boasted four copies of the ¼gr violet, two of the ½gr yellow and three of the 1gr red, all neatly cancelled with the circular datestamp of the German post office in Constantinople on November 30, 1874.

With such an attractive multi-stamp franking, from an era in which surviving mail is extremely rare, this is considered the most desirable of the few comparable covers known.

The German Post Offices in the Turkish Empire did not start issuing their own stamps until 1884.

**SOLD BY GÄRTNER £14,844**



## SWITZERLAND 1849

### Basel Dove cover

Classic Switzerland sold very well at Rölli's auction, as was to be expected, and one of the highlights was this entire franked with a fine example of the 1845 Basel Dove, the famous three-colour embossed 2½r stamp of the canton of Basel.

Postmarked on January 5, 1849, the stamp was an excellent example benefiting from strong colours and good margins. As a bonus, it showed the constant plate flaw that affected the black frame in the top left corner.

**SOLD BY RÖLLI £13,492**



## SPAIN 1938

### Unissued Civil War overprints

The top-selling item in Soler y Llach's latest auction was a rare pair of local overprints from the Spanish Civil War.

The Republican seizure of the city of Teruel in the east of the country after a fierce battle was celebrated by the overprint 'Teruel 21-XII-1937/08-I-1938' and a surcharge of 30c, in either black or red, on 15c stamps.

With the Nationalists staging a counter-offensive and retaking Teruel in February, however, the stamps were never issued, and only 50 pairs are thought to exist.

**SOLD BY SOLER Y LLACH £8,521**



## GREAT BRITAIN 1963

### Red Cross 3d missing colour errors

Missing colour errors don't come much more visual than Great Britain's 1963 Red Cross Centenary 3d missing red, so there is no cross. But it's only part of the story.

Although it is not listed in the catalogues, a second, related variety is the partially missing cross, and Gärtner's auction included a horizontal pair of the 3d showing both varieties.

**SOLD BY GÄRTNER £8,905**



## MADAGASCAR 1886 British Consular 6d without handstamp

Status International sold an extremely rare variety from the local postal service organised by the British Consulate in Madagascar in the 1880s.

It was the 1886 6d rose, type II, without handstamp, of which only a couple of examples are known.

Locally typographed in black and red, the stamp should have been validated by being handstamped 'British Consular Mail Antananarivo' in black after printing. But some stamps reached the philatelic market having never received this handstamp.

The Consulate issued the stamps for the use of the small British community in Antananarivo. Gummed in one corner only, they were used for transport to Mauritius or to the French consulate, where they were removed and replaced by internationally recognised stamps.



**SOLD BY STATUS INTERNATIONAL £6,960**

## AUSTRALIA 1920 Unwatermarked 2d

The Phoenix auction included a new discovery, only the sixth recorded example of Australia's 1918-23 2d brown-orange definitive with no watermark.

The stamp, issued in 1920, normally comes with a Small Crown Over A watermark, in a few cases inverted. Examples with no watermark at all (not even any trace of the usual marginal watermark lines) are thought to have been printed in the sheet margin in error.

The new find is postally used, clearly postmarked in December 1920.



**SOLD BY PHOENIX £3,783**

## GREAT BRITAIN 1840 2d blue with inverted watermark

The 'Robert Wallace' collection of Great Britain line-engraved issues, sold by Spink, was a small collection but one of top-quality material. One of the highlights was a near-perfect used example of the 1840 Twopenny Blue with inverted watermark.

From plate 1, lettered PH, with large margins all round, the stamp was cancelled with a very crisp Maltese Cross cancellation in an orange shade, leaving Queen Victoria's profile very clear.

The collection was sold anonymously, but was named after the Scottish politician who agitated for postal reform in the 1830s and backed the introduction of penny postage.



**SOLD BY SPINK £3,000**

## NEVIS 1876-78 4d strip imperf between

The top-selling item in Spink's sale of the Federico Borromeo collection of Nevis was a rare variety from the lithographed 1876-78 issue: a vertical strip of three of the 4d orange-yellow imperforate between, from the top right corner of the sheet.

Introduced in 1861, the four similar inaugural designs illustrating women at a medicinal spring were initially recess-printed by Nissen & Parker in London. But from 1876 they were lithographed by transfer from the original plates.

**SOLD BY SPINK £4,200**





# Why, You Haven't Taken My Challenge Yet?... Find What You Collect / usually Buy amongst 22,459 Auction Lots and...



Andrew Promoting Philately  
on Alan Titchmarsh Show ITV

## .... I'll GIVE Y O U Your 1<sup>st</sup> £55 winnings FREE

*( ... some Collectors Save thousands of pounds)*

**By Andrew McGavin, Managing Director, Universal Philatelic Auctions (UPA)**

In all my 40+ years in the trade I have never seen an introductory offer to new clients like this ... so you may be wondering the reason why my company UPA can afford to make this offer to you?

In '*plain talk*' – most auctions charge 'Buyer's Premiums' – YES! You have to pay up to **25%** (some charge more) on top of the winning price you paid. That is Simply an Incredible surcharge. Apparently this significant premium is justified by charging the seller a lower fee in order to entice consignments for sale.

My company UPA does not charge any premiums which is one of the reasons why we hold the UK record of 2,031 different bidders in our last auction – an amazing 88% of whom were successful. Fortunately the average bidder spends an average of £250+ per auction ... so that with 4 auctions a year offering 80,000+/- lots from £1 to £100,000 for you to choose from ...

**with NO Buyer's Premium You Save up to £250+ EACH YEAR  
PLUS You take NO RISK with our 28 day unconditional Guarantee**

### So How can UPA offer You £55 OFF too?

**1. Our Business Model is Different.** Fundamentally I believe that if a stamp/philatelic item is not selling then it is too expensive. Compare that with the stamp business whose stock is the same each time you see or hear from them. At the risk of boring you ...

**2. Stamp Industry's BIGGEST problem.** ... twenty years ago I started to ponder upon what is the biggest problem faced by the average stamp dealer? The answer came back loud and clear. The biggest problem faced by a stamp dealer is not what sells ... but **what does not sell**. This is the reason why most stamp dealers have lots of unsold stock you have seen time and time again – worse still this is what prevents that dealer from buying new stock to offer you.

**3. Surface Sell.** There is an actual name for this – it is called 'surface sell' – good material 'floats' on the surface and sells. Less desirable stock sinks so that unless a dealer pays almost nothing to replace his stock then the profit in the business becomes stagnant and bound

in less saleable stock. If only that dealer could move this stock he would have more money to invest in new stock to offer to you.

**4. Cover-up.** Twenty years ago almost the entire stamp industry spent its time disguising what did not sell – in those days so pernicious were 'unsolds' that it was common practice for one auction house to sell batches of 'unsolds' to another auction where the new auction could present them to (hopefully) different collectors as new lots. 'Passing the Philatelic Parcel' was common practice.

**5. E-Bay.** Today the philatelic world is almost unrecognisably different. In large part courtesy of the internet. How things have changed. Few 'pass the parcel'. Really active Dealers - these days they **also** sell on eBay - large lots, small lots, all manner of stamps, covers, down to fakes and forgeries – today's equivalent of the Wild West – there's philatelic 'gold' to be mined in those hills ... but Boy – you have to work to find it and sadly 'all that glistens is not gold' – you pay your money and you take your chance often with little support or recourse. UPA too sells surpluses on eBay backed by support and our guarantee – access eBay links via [www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)

**Continued on page 43...**

JAMES COE, 42, Trelawney Ave. Poughill, Bude EX23 9HB

## 20% DISCOUNT THIS MONTH ONLY!

Same great value and content – just deduct 20%  
from the prices listed below.

Satisfaction guaranteed! Phone enquiries welcomed 01288 359700

**FOR EXCELLENT GB LOTS and PARCELS – SOLD OVER MANY YEARS.  
IDEAL FOR COLLECTORS or DEALERS – LOOK NO FURTHER !**

### GB PARCELS

The best of their type on the market today! Excellent range of stamps and fantastic value. QV to QE with all reigns represented. Little or no duplication. NO RUBBISH, LEFT-OVERS, REMAINDERS or KILOWARE! You will get mint / used, Defins, Commems, Top values, full sets on original album pages, on stock cards, in packets etc. etc. I make these up regardless of retail value.

£50 Parcel £100 Parcel £250 Parcel £500 Parcel includes a free 1d. Black

### GB QV ONLY LOTS with little or no duplication

**QV LOT 1 NO DAMAGED** Ever popular early issues 1841 – 1900. All good / fine used. Line engraved, range of plates including scarce.

Surface Printed through to 1900 with better values and Officials.

£30 Lot (Cat: approx £400) £50 Lot (Cat: approx £600+) £100 Lot (Cat: approx £1250)  
£200 Lot (Cat: £2500+)

**QV LOT 2** A similar range / content to QV Lot 1 but all stamps will have minor / very minor defects – usually a pulled / short perf, or small corner crease. They are all 'Good Lookers' and very collectable at a fraction of Fine Used prices. ONLY 1/30th. of Cat.

£25 Lot (Cat: £750) £50 Lot (Cat: £1500+) £100 Lot (Cat: £3000+) £200 Lot (Cat: £6500)

**QV LOT 3 "Space-Fillers"** Again a similar range to QV Lots 1 - but these stamps will have heavier faults than QV Lot 2 – trimmed perfs; thin; crease. NO TEARS! A chance to fill those elusive gaps at the lowest price anywhere- 1/100th. of Cat. Value

£15 Sampler Lot (Cat: £1500) £25 Lot (Cat: £2500+) £50 Lot (Cat: £5000+)

### MIXED REIGN LOTS

**Mixed LOT A GB QV – KING ED. 7th. ONLY** A good / fine used selection of these ever-popular early issues. 1841 – 1910 with Line Engraved, Surface Printed, Higher Value KE7 with some fine CDS examples.

£30 Lot (Cat: approx £400) £50 Lot (Cat: approx £600+) £100 Lot (Cat: approx £1250)  
£200 Lot (Cat: £2500 +)

**Mixed LOT B GB QV – KING GEORGE 6th. ONLY** An extension of Lot A with Commems, Sets, Top Values & Postage Dues. Excellent range in these 4 reign lots.

£30 Lot (Cat: approx £400) £50 Lot (Cat: £600+) £100 Lot (Cat: £1250) £200 Lot (Cat: £2500+)

**Mixed LOT C: GB MINT ONLY QV to QE** (approx 1964) Great value at below 1/10th. Cat. A range of better Defins, Higher values, Full Sets, Commems etc. KG5th. KG6th. and earlier better QE2 unmounted/mounted mint.

£30 Lot (Cat: £300+) £50 Lot (Cat: £500+)

### OUR BEST SELLING RANGE !

Very collectable stamps with VERY slight/small imperfections – typically a pulled perforation. At 1/30th. (3%) of Cat. Value they look good with 90% of King Ed7th. – QE having circular cancels and offering a HUGE SAVING on fine-used prices. NO DUPLICATION.

Please select : Lot SS1 QV – QE (1962) Scarce Plates. Top values.

Lot SS2 QV – KE7th. Only

Lot SS3 QV – KG5 Comprehensive range 1841 – 1935

No duplication in any of above lots! No low values – higher catalogued stamps only! No KILLER cancels!

£30 Lot (Cat: £900+) £50 Lot (Cat: £1600+) £100 Lot (Cat: £3500+)

**FREE STOCKBOOK WITH OUR GB ALL REIGN LOTS!** Excellent selection 1841 onwards with vast majority of value in early material. Good / Fine used; useful mint; sets; singles to £5. Great value at around 1/12th. Cat.

£50 Lot (Cat: £600) £100 Lot (Cat: £1200+) MEGA LOT £200 (Cat: £2500+)

**DON'T MISS our GB SPECIAL OFFER LIST! QV to KG5 (some later) Unbeatable prices on singles, sets, mini lots/collection from £5 upwards. FREE ON REQUEST.**

Terms: Cheque, Postal Order or cash with order please.

All items photographed and sent Royal Mail Signed-For POST FREE UK  
ORDER WITH CONFIDENCE YOU WON'T BEAT THESE PRICES

# GB & COMMONWEALTH APPROVALS



INDIVIDUALLY COMPILED  
TO COMPRISE **ONLY** THE  
AREAS YOU COLLECT !



## Quality Stocks at Very Low Prices

£5 FREE FROM YOUR FIRST SELECTION!

"Your approvals are definitely the best I've seen in quality and service. I would not hesitate to recommend you to others - indeed I have done so already several times."

T.L., Worcs.

"Just one word sums up this selection - WOW!" J.G., Norfolk.

"Another perfect lot. Excellent value for money." A.K., Kent.

"The stamps you have sent are by far the best I've ever had on approval."

M.D., Gwent.

Please write, phone or e-mail with your collecting interests for my immediate attention.

**MARTIN CUSSANS (SM) B.A.** Est. 1976

22 Joiners Road, Linton, Cambs CB21 4NP

Tel: 01223 893264. Member, UDPA

E-mail: [martin.cussans@btopenworld.com](mailto:martin.cussans@btopenworld.com)

Online shop : [www.colonialstamps.co.uk](http://www.colonialstamps.co.uk)

# VERATRINDER

NEW 2015 CATALOGUES IN STOCK!



Michel North America 2015	£68.95
Yvert Stamps of the Middle East 2015 includes Iran & Iraq	£44.90
Facit Scandinavia Specialised 2015	£45.00
L'Officiel - Belgium Specialised - in 2 volumes includes Colonies	£32.50
Netto - Austria Specialised 2014/15	£34.00
Maury France 2015	£19.90
Maury French Africa 2014/15	£34.40
Sassone BLU - 2015 Italy catalogue	£16.00
Sassone Specialised Volume 1, 2015 catalogue	£36.00
Sassone Specialised Volume 2, 2015 catalogue	£27.50
SBK Switzerland Specialised 2015	£25.00
Scott Classic 1840-1940 - 2015 edition	£115.00
Phila India 2014/15 catalogue	£26.00
Yvert et Teller France 2015	£21.90
Yvert et Teller France vol 1b (Monaco, Andorra TAAF, etc)	£19.90
Zumstein 2014 Switzerland Specialised	£25.00

Many other titles in stock or due very soon - we also stock the full range of Stanley Gibbons catalogues and also supply Scott & Michel catalogues (usually from stock). P&P extra on all orders, UK and World-Wide. If you are a trade customer or auction house please contact us for our standing order service.

Vera Trinder Ltd is a company owned by Prinz Publications UK Ltd

**TEL: 01736 751910**

Website: [www.prinz.co.uk](http://www.prinz.co.uk) / Email: [info@prinz.co.uk](mailto:info@prinz.co.uk)  
Prinz / Vera Trinder Unit 3a Hayle Ind Park, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5JR



# DOWN UNDER

If you collect Australia,  
New Zealand or Pacific Islands

**ROWLAND HILL STAMPS**

have a  
**BRAND NEW LIST...**

From Queen Victoria to QEII

**THE DOWN UNDER LIST**  
IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

ASK FOR YOUR FREE COPY TODAY

**ROWLAND HILL STAMPS**

Hill House, Cookley, DY10 3UW

Phone: 01562 851101 Fax: 01562 851824

Email: [sales@rowlandhillstamps.co.uk](mailto:sales@rowlandhillstamps.co.uk)

If your head's full  
of stamps...



visit

**Sandafayre.com**

Stamp auctions for collectors since 1976

Sandafayre's '**no quibble**'  
money back guarantee



**Unique Weekly Auctions**

**1000's of lots from £20 to £20,000**

SANDAFAYRE, PARKGATE, KNUTSFORD, WA16 8DX, UK.  
Tel: +44 (0)1565 653214 Email: [stamp@sandafayre.com](mailto:stamp@sandafayre.com)

## PETER MOLLETT

SPECIALISTS IN THE FINEST STAMPS  
OF GREAT BRITAIN 1840 – 1952

QUEEN VICTORIA  
EDWARD VII  
GEORGE V  
EDWARD VIII  
GEORGE VI

Full-colour A4 booklets  
regularly mailed to serious collectors.  
Contact us to receive our next booklet.

- Wants lists welcomed
- Confidentiality assured
- Fine stamps and collections purchased
- Valuations for insurance and probate

**PETER  
MOLLETT**  
*Philatelist*



P.O. BOX 1934 · RINGWOOD · HAMPSHIRE · BH24 2YZ  
ENGLAND · U.K. · TELEPHONE & FAX: 01425 476666



## NEWS IN BRIEF

> With no advance notice, Royal Mail used a Chinese New Year slogan postmark on February 19 only. It read 'Happy Chinese New Year 2015', with a translation in Mandarin.

> Eight different slogan postmarks were also used across the country from February 20-28 noting the inventions featured in the Inventive Britain stamp issue.

> Post & Go vending machines are to attend the Scottish Congress in Perth on April 17-18, Europhilex in London on May 13-16, Midpex in Leamington Spa on July 4 and Autumn Stampex in London on September 16-19, as well as overseas exhibitions at Essen in May, Singapore in August, Sindelfingen in October and Paris in November.

> The Chairman of the British Postal Museum & Archive, Dr Helen Forde, is standing down a year early to give her successor more time to prepare for the opening of the new postal museum at the end of 2016.

> Royal Mail analysed mail volumes nationwide to identify the cities where the most Valentine's Day cards were sent, and top of the league table were Cardiff, Portsmouth and Birmingham.

> A website has been created by Dave Foster to chart the postal history of Berwick-upon-Tweed. It illustrates early handstamps, skeleton cancels and half marks. Visit [www.berwickpostalhistory.co.uk](http://www.berwickpostalhistory.co.uk)

# Anthony Trollope bicentenary marked by Post & Go issue...

The Post & Go machine at the British Postal Museum & Archive in London introduced a special commemorative inscription on February 18 to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Anthony Trollope, the novelist who was also the pioneer of the pillar box.

Both the 1st class and 2nd class Machin designs were available with 'Trollope 200' under the usual 'The BPMA', with the machine overprint also including a

pictorial element in the shape of an 1850s Channel Islands pillar box.

The stamps will be vended until April 30, and first day covers and presentation packs are also available.

Trollope was a Post Office employee for 34 years, starting as a junior clerk in 1834 and later working as a regional surveyor in Ireland and the Channel Islands. He brought the first pillar boxes into use in Jersey in 1852.



## ...and a BPMA roving exhibition

The BPMA is also celebrating Trollope's bicentenary with a new touring exhibition.

Aimed at families and initially running from March 28 to May 2 at Islington Museum in London, it will include original Victorian pillar

boxes, replica letter carrier uniforms to try on, and other activities and games, with daytime drop-in sessions for children led by education staff.

It contrasts life before the introduction of stamps in 1840 and

postboxes in 1852, with the communication revolution and increase in literacy which followed.

The exhibition is due to move Mansfield Museum in October and November, and other locations beyond that.

## COVER OF THE MONTH



One of Buckingham's two attractive first day covers for the Bridges set (March issue, page 22) takes the opportunity to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the magnificent Forth Bridge, which is not featured on any of the 10 stamps but opened on March 4, 1890. The pictorial handstamp is of North Queensferry.

The other cover shows the Royal Border Bridge, which does appear on one of the stamps. Each cover is priced £18.40.

Visit [www.buckinghamcovers.com](http://www.buckinghamcovers.com)



# End of the road for Bletchley Park post office

The post office at the Bletchley Park code-breaking centre near Milton Keynes has been told it must close down.

Bletchley Park Trust, which administers the tourist attraction, wishes to focus on its core story, the successful cracking of German military codes during World War II. That spells the end for the post office, which is run by volunteers.

The office is expected to close by the end of March. Bletchley Stamp Art will continue to offer its popular first day covers and customised Smilers sheets to collectors from a new location.

When Bletchley Park mansion was established as a top-secret code-breaking centre in 1938, a small building which had served as the butler's quarters was turned into an undercover mailroom, receiving incoming mail as PO Box 111, Bletchley. After the war it became a sub-post office, and when the site opened as a museum in 1994 Bletchley Park Post Office acted as its gift shop.

In the early days, when visitor numbers were in the hundreds, rather than the hundreds of thousands, its limited-edition first day covers provided an important source of income for the museum.

'The post office played a prominent role in helping preserve Bletchley Park as a heritage site,' said the BPPO's Terry Mitchell. 'Our stamps and covers attracted visitors to the museum.'



## Dissimilar Smilers



Two distinct types have emerged of the Well Done 1st class stamp in the Smilers 2015 set issued in January.

Self-adhesive examples from the retail stamp book, printed in gravure by ISP, have a black outline to the '1st' motif, which is not evident on the gummed miniature sheet stamp, printed in litho by the same company.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS



Don Staddon has the inside line on British stamp printings, post office supplies and developments in postal mechanisation

### POST & GO LOCATIONS

The Post & Go machines installed at Royal Mail enquiry offices at Bradford North and Crewe (February issue, page 25) are now dispensing stamps with location identifiers.

The Machin and Union Flag designs are available with either 'Bradford N' or 'Crewe' in the overprint.

The roving 003 and 004 machines used for the initial trial were removed for use at Spring Stampex in February, but new M-series machines were installed in their place.



### POST & GO ERRORS

Due to a software glitch, some of the few remaining Wincor Nixdorf vending machines were failing to dispense collectors' strips of six Post & Go values in late January and early February.

Instead they dispensed only short strips of three and two, omitting the 'Euro 20g/Worldwide 10g' dual value, although the full £7.20 was still charged.

The dual-value stamp was being vended as normal if bought separately. If it was ordered in the same 'basket' as a collectors' strip, the machine would print two strips of three, with the dual-value as the last stamp, and charge £8.39!

I discovered this at the Tudor Street kiosk in London (which was due to be closed down on February 27), and later heard that other post offices were affected by the same problem.

According to Post Office Ltd, the glitch was caused by the change in the packet rates on January 20. It was claimed to have been fixed during the week commencing February 14.

The last of the Wincor Nixdorf machines are due to be taken out of service imminently.

### POST & GO VARIETIES

After early printings of the Post & Go 2nd class Machin design with the year code '14' in the security overlay were reported with a break in the phosphor band, stocks with an uninterrupted band are now reaching post offices. The 1st class stamp with the year code '14' is still being found with a bands that is short at the bottom, however.

Presentation packs of the Union Flag and Spring Flowers stamps have begun to appear with the typefaces of their overprints updated to the new style, so they differ from the initial issue. Supplies of both on the Royal Mail stand at Stampex were quickly snapped up.

### POST & GO MACHINES

A new Royal Mail roving Post & Go machine, A006, made its first appearance at Stampex.

# Order your copy today!

ONLY  
**£11.99!\***

**ON SALE  
NOW!**

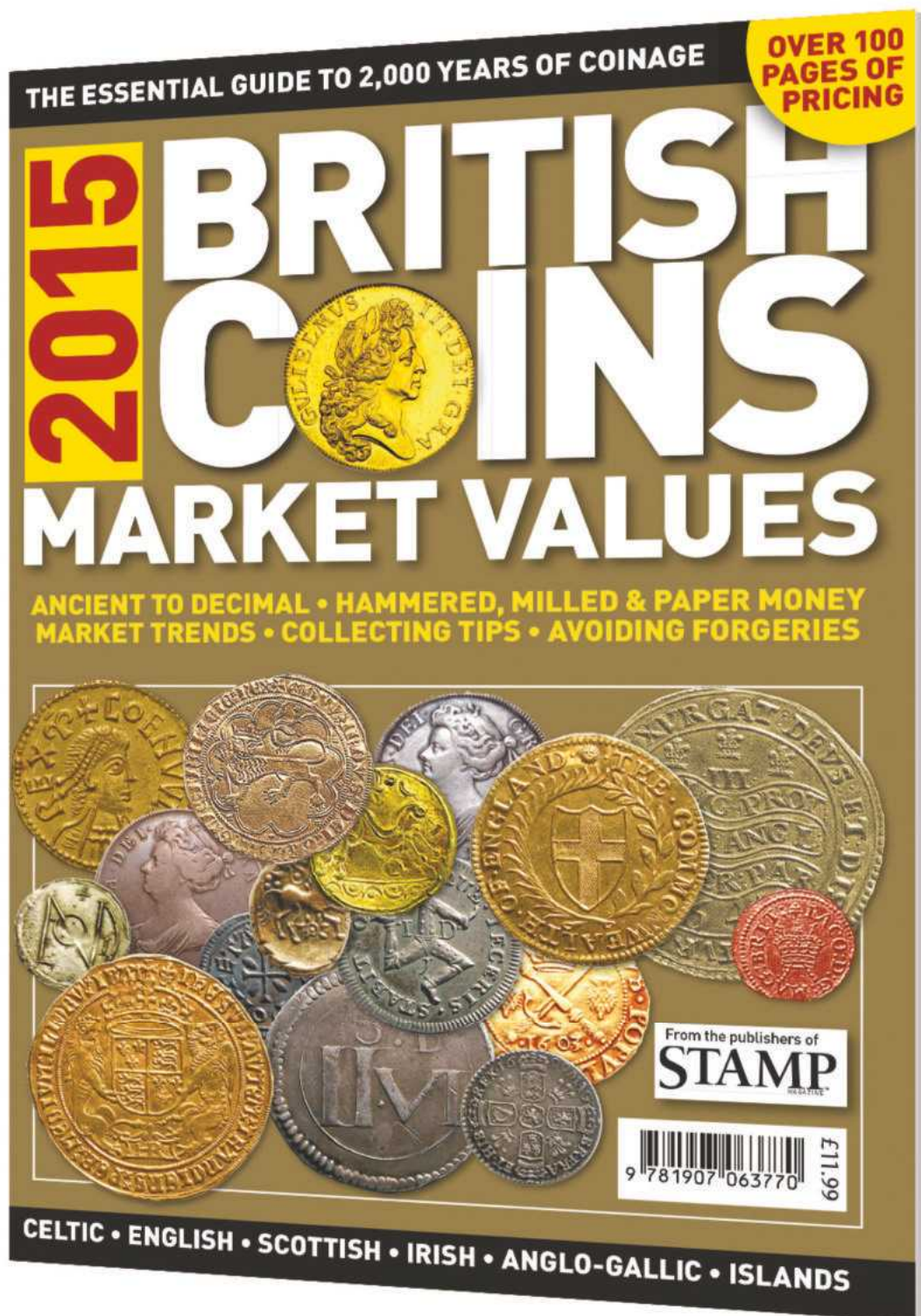
- › The essential guide for all British coin collectors
- › Accurate and up to date market values
- › Collecting tips
- › Handy compact size



Scan me with your Smartphone

Available from  
[myhobbystore.co.uk](http://myhobbystore.co.uk)

**Stamp Magazine  
subscribers  
save 5% on  
all orders\***



**Order Online:** [www.myhobbystore.com/BCMV2015](http://www.myhobbystore.com/BCMV2015)  
**Order by Phone:** 0844 848 8822 (phone lines open Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm)

\*plus P&P. Please note that this front cover is subject to changes. To scan the QR (Quick Response) code you will need to download a QR Reader App (FREE) to your Smartphone. This QR code will take you directly to further details about this product.



# Commemorative Jersey Stamps

The latest issues  
from Jersey Post

## Hubble - 25 Years of Space Exploration

Issue date: 24 April 2015



Celebrating 25 years since its launch, eight stamps feature spectacular images from the Hubble Space Telescope. The Miniature Sheet (below) features the Hubble in its final release over Earth.

*Images courtesy of [www.hubblesite.org](http://www.hubblesite.org)  
NASA and STScI*

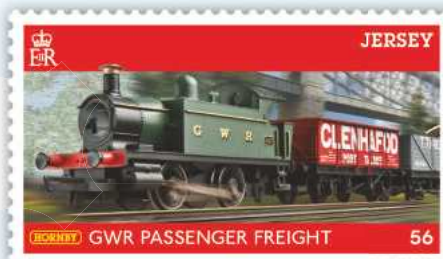


## Europa 2015

### Traditional Toys - Hornby

Issue date: 24 March 2015

Six stamps feature illustrations based on actual artwork used to produce Hornby train set boxes.



Stamps, Miniature Sheets and Souvenir Sheetlets are also available as First Day Covers and in Presentation Packs.

Visit the website to see our full range and to order online.

**[www.jerseystamps.com](http://www.jerseystamps.com)**

Email: [stamps@jerseypost.com](mailto:stamps@jerseypost.com) Tel: +44(0) 1534 516320

[www.facebook.com/jerseystamps](https://www.facebook.com/jerseystamps) [@JerseyStamps](https://twitter.com/JerseyStamps)

**Don't forget!**  
Free postage and  
packing for Standing  
Order customers.

Contact the Philatelic  
Bureau to open your  
account today.

**Jersey  
Post**



# The finest service for pre-Independence FRENCH COLONIES



Phone/email/write for our popular illustrated monthly Buy-Bid catalogue.

We are also on-line at **frenchcolonies.com**.with SG, Scott & Yvert nos.

For newcomers, we do discounted starter packs. We also do Belgian Africa.

**PHIL-INDEX** 4 Ascot Close, Eastbourne, East Sussex. BN20 7HL  
Telephone: 01323 721444. philindex@btinternet.com



Michael  
2013 World Triathlon  
Championships  
London  
1st British athlete to finish

## APPROVALS - THE BEST WAY TO BUY YOUR STAMPS

Enjoy the prospect of seeing some of the 1 million stamps that we stock. Unlike eBay, you have 15 days to dwell on your stamps with no immediacy to purchase. You can inspect both sides of the stamp. Many of our customers tell us that the quality of stamps on eBay does not meet expectation.

We attend Stamp Auctions every week of the year and so are able to select the finest quality, unlike Stamp fair dealers who are often not able to attend weekend auctions.

Over 36 years of dealing in approvals, we have become the premier dealership in Worldwide countries. We have a team of five experts, all of whom have 30 or more years experience of philately. We pride ourselves on excellent customer service and routinely receive praise from our hundreds of customers, many of whom have been with us for over 20 years.

Please complete the coupon or phone or email for a trial mailing. My son and myself are on hand should you want to speak to us to support you with your hobby.



Nick, Age 48  
Roxbourne Cricket  
Club. Record over  
10,000 runs

### EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA & C. ASIA

- |                                     |                                      |  |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALBANIA    | <input type="checkbox"/> DENMARK     | <input type="checkbox"/> ICELAND       | <input type="checkbox"/> POLAND      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARGENTINA  | <input type="checkbox"/> DOMINICA    | <input type="checkbox"/> IRAQ          | <input type="checkbox"/> PORTUGAL    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUSTRIA    | <input type="checkbox"/> ECUADOR     | <input type="checkbox"/> ISRAEL        | <input type="checkbox"/> RUMANIA     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BELGIUM    | <input type="checkbox"/> EL SALVADOR | <input type="checkbox"/> ITALY         | <input type="checkbox"/> RUSSIA      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOLIVIA    | <input type="checkbox"/> FINLAND     | <input type="checkbox"/> LIECHTENSTEIN | <input type="checkbox"/> SERBIA      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOSNIA     | <input type="checkbox"/> FRANCE      | <input type="checkbox"/> L'BOURG       | <input type="checkbox"/> SPAIN       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRAZIL     | <input type="checkbox"/> GERMANY     | <input type="checkbox"/> MEXICO        | <input type="checkbox"/> SWEDEN      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BULGARIA   | <input type="checkbox"/> GREECE      | <input type="checkbox"/> MONTENEGRO    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWITZERLAND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHILE      | <input type="checkbox"/> GUATAMALA   | <input type="checkbox"/> NICARAGUA     | <input type="checkbox"/> TURKEY      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLUMBIA   | <input type="checkbox"/> HAITI       | <input type="checkbox"/> NORWAY        | <input type="checkbox"/> URUGUAY     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COSTA RICA | <input type="checkbox"/> HOLLAND     | <input type="checkbox"/> PARAGUAY      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S.A.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CUBA       | <input type="checkbox"/> HONDURAS    | <input type="checkbox"/> PERSIA IRAN   | <input type="checkbox"/> VENEZUELA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CZECH      | <input type="checkbox"/> HUNGARY     | <input type="checkbox"/> PERU          | <input type="checkbox"/> YUGOSLAVIA  |

Prefer: ☐ Mint ☐ Used ☐ Both  
☐ Pre 1910 ☐ 1910-45 ☐ Post WW2

### COMMONWEALTH

- |                                       |  |                                      |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADEN&STATES  | <input type="checkbox"/> COOK IS.      | <input type="checkbox"/> K.U.T       | <input type="checkbox"/> RHODESIA    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARAB PO'S    | <input type="checkbox"/> CYPRUS        | <input type="checkbox"/> LABUAN      | <input type="checkbox"/> SARAWAK     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASCENSION    | <input type="checkbox"/> EGYPT         | <input type="checkbox"/> LEEWARD IS. | <input type="checkbox"/> SEYCHELLES  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUSTRALIA    | <input type="checkbox"/> EIRE          | <input type="checkbox"/> LEVANT PO   | <input type="checkbox"/> SINGAPORE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUST. STATES | <input type="checkbox"/> FALKLANDS     | <input type="checkbox"/> MALAYA      | <input type="checkbox"/> S. LEONE    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAHAMAS      | <input type="checkbox"/> FIJI          | <input type="checkbox"/> MALTA       | <input type="checkbox"/> S. AFRICA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BARBADOS     | <input type="checkbox"/> GAMBIA        | <input type="checkbox"/> MAURITIUS   | <input type="checkbox"/> SW. AFRICA  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BERMUDA      | <input type="checkbox"/> GIBRALTAR     | <input type="checkbox"/> N. BORNEO   | <input type="checkbox"/> S.A. PROVN  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BR. HONDURAS | <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD COAST    | <input type="checkbox"/> N'FOUNDLAND | <input type="checkbox"/> S.A. COLNS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRUNEI       | <input type="checkbox"/> GT BRITAIN    | <input type="checkbox"/> N.ZEALAND   | <input type="checkbox"/> ST. LUCIA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BURMA        | <input type="checkbox"/> HONG KONG     | <input type="checkbox"/> NIGERIA     | <input type="checkbox"/> ST. VINCENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA       | <input type="checkbox"/> INDIA         | <input type="checkbox"/> NYASALAND   | <input type="checkbox"/> SUDAN       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAYMAN IS.   | <input type="checkbox"/> INDIAN STATES | <input type="checkbox"/> PACIFIC IS. | <input type="checkbox"/> TANGANYIKA  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CEYLON       | <input type="checkbox"/> ISLE OF MAN   | <input type="checkbox"/> PAKISTAN    | <input type="checkbox"/> W. INDIES   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHANNEL IS.  | <input type="checkbox"/> JAMAICA       | <input type="checkbox"/> PAPUA       | <input type="checkbox"/> ZANZIBAR    |

## Michael G. Read

Poachers Retreat, Common Lane, Kings Langley,  
Herts, WD4 9HP Phone: 01923 269775

e-mail: mg.read@btinternet.com



Visit our new website [www.michaelgread.co.uk](http://www.michaelgread.co.uk)



Est. 1975 - 40 Years of Care and Attention

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode ..... Tel (Home) .....

SM



# STAMP COLLECTIONS URGENTLY REQUIRED

**best prices, fast friendly service**

**Whether it's for sale through one of our auctions,  
or a direct sale for immediate payment, we genuinely  
believe that we offer all the above and more -  
our reputation depends on it!**

**Visit our website for full details:**

**[www.tonylester.co.uk](http://www.tonylester.co.uk)**



**TONY LESTER** *Auctions*

For a friendly and personal service just call **01926 634 809**  
and speak directly to me or to Ghislaine.



Tony Lester Auctions Limited, The Sidings, Birdingbury Road,  
Marton, Nr. Rugby CV23 9RX. Email: [tonylester@btconnect.com](mailto:tonylester@btconnect.com)  
Web: [www.tonylester.co.uk](http://www.tonylester.co.uk)

We are long standing members of the Philatelic Traders' Society, complying with its strict code of ethics.  
We have been established for over 30 years, with a reputation for honesty and fair dealing.



# Letters

## GET IN TOUCH

These pages are devoted to giving you the opportunity to have your say. Whether you want to praise or complain, suggest or advise, add information or correct it, or just get something off your chest, we'd love to hear from you.

Send your letters to:  
**Stamp Magazine, MyTimeMedia Ltd,**  
**Enterprise House, Enterprise Way,**  
**Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6HG**  
 Or send an e-mail to:  
[guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com](mailto:guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com)

The Editor reads all letters, but is unable to answer them all personally. We reserve the right to edit letters for publication.

## Reputable dealers should never sell forgeries

In a recent issue of *Stamp Magazine* I was very disappointed to see an advertisement by a well-known British dealer offering forgeries for sale.

Our hobby is plagued by forgeries; just look at eBay, and you will see that there are thousands of them coming in daily from eastern Europe and Asia. All this fake material has a detrimental effect on the philatelic market.

I contacted the dealer to express my disappointment, and he stated that he would no longer advertise forgeries. However, he did not say he would not continue to sell them.

I believe that we as collectors must take a united stand against every forger, and every seller of forgeries. No-one, including established dealers, should make a profit from them.

There are very few damaged stamps in my collection, and absolutely no forgeries! If I cannot afford a stamp, then the space goes unfilled.

**Bill Sweers, Jacksonville, Florida, USA**

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

## The important Royal Mail service that is failing is delivery, not cancellation

Once again the letters pages of *Stamp Magazine* are filled with the old chestnut about what Royal Mail fails to do to help collectors, in particular how it doesn't cancel stamps nicely.

I'd like to remind everyone that Royal Mail's job is to deliver the post promptly. And, if my experience is anything to go by, this is the task it is struggling to accomplish.

Customers of mine in rural areas can now expect to get a 2nd class service even when I send them their orders using 1st class postage, and the anecdotal evidence is that some places no longer get a delivery every day. Worse still, I had two items go missing over the Christmas period, and the fact that it was Christmas is not a valid excuse.

Royal Mail can abandon stamps altogether and rely solely on ghastly labels, as far as I'm concerned, just as long as the envelope gets to its destination safely and in a reasonable time.

**Jonathan Whiffin, World Stamp Approvals, Devon**

## Pen marks are all the more annoying when applied to stamps which have already been cancelled...

Like many other collectors I am becoming increasingly incensed with Royal Mail's attitude towards cancelling stamps.

The example which has annoyed me most was a cover bearing about a dozen stamps which were beautifully cancelled with circular datestamps by the local post office, but also scribbled through by felt-tip pen. Why?

These stamps might have been passed on to youngsters in an attempt to get them interested in collecting. But not like this, they won't!

**Ken Baker, Colchester**



...but are always avoidable by conscientious clerks



On this cover which I received recently, it would seem that the top three stamps were cancelled by a franking machine but the bottom two were missed.

On spotting this, a postal worker did not reach for the dreaded biro, but cancelled the remaining stamps with a handstamp!

This time, Royal Mail staff got it right!

**Cliff Jermyn-Francis, York**



## SOAPBOX

Never stop looking for uncatalogued varieties, suggests Professor Brent Wilson.  
Take booklet panes with displaced watermarks, for example...

Great Britain's King George V definitives with the Simple Royal Cypher watermark are renowned for their variety. Stanley Gibbons' Specialised Catalogue Vol 2 lists sideways and inverted watermarks, for example, and varieties caused by the breakage of the dandy roll used to impress the watermark into the paper.

There are also misplaced watermarks, created when a sheet of paper was incorrectly inserted into the printer. New examples still turn up from time to time, and my latest discovery is a booklet pane which is not catalogued.

### OUT OF PLACE

Paper with the Simple Royal Cypher watermark was made by William Joynson & Son at St Mary Cray in Kent. Like the Imperial Crown watermarked paper used for the King Edward VII issues, and some of the King George V Downey Head stamps, it had 'Postage' in outlined capitals down the side of each sheet. In the most spectacular misplaced watermarks, these letters appear on the marginal stamps.

Examples have been recorded from almost all denominations of George V definitives, but previously only on singles, or on strips of five (sufficient to show the entire word 'Postage') which have obviously been derived from counter sheets. Until now, it seems, there has been no record of misplaced watermarks on booklet stamps.

Booklets were printed using the same paper as counter sheets, but in panes of six (arranged three by two), with alternate panes being upside down. Thus, booklet panes bear either upright or inverted watermarks.

My unmounted mint pane of the Mackennal Head 1d has an upright watermark displaced so that the letters 'STA' occur on the stamps adjacent to the selvedge, while the Simple Royal Cypher straddles the perforations of the remaining stamps.

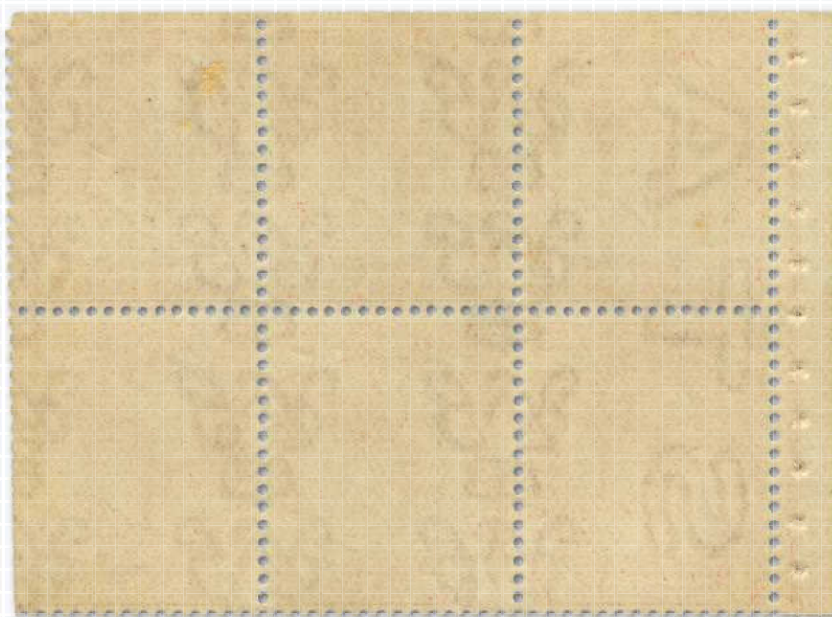
It has a co-extensive rule on the selvedge and was bound by means of stitching (some of these booklets were stapled). The perforations along the top were trimmed during guillotining, while those on the right are increasingly trimmed from top to bottom.

### IN PLAIN SIGHT

Unlike with sheet stamps, it will not be



ABOVE: Unmounted mint booklet pane of the 1912-24 1d with upright watermark and partially trimmed perforations



ABOVE: The reverse of the same pane showing the watermark displaced so that the 'STA' of 'Postage' appears on the marginal stamps, and the Simple Royal Cypher straddles the perforations of the remaining stamps

possible to find booklet panes with displaced watermarks that show the entire word 'Postage', because of their limited size after guillotining. However, panes might be found bearing other combinations of letters from the word 'Postage'.

Panes in other denominations might also exist, as there were also booklets of ½d, 1½d and 2d Mackennal Head definitives.

Furthermore, I have recently purchased a single 1912 Downey Head 1d

bright scarlet from die 1B with the Simple Royal Cypher watermark (a stamp which was issued only in booklets), with the inverted watermark displaced so that the tops of the letters 'AG' can clearly be seen.

Both these items were purchased cheaply on eBay, which shows what you can uncover if you look carefully. Perhaps they were shunned by other collectors because they are not yet catalogued?

**Professor Brent Wilson**

## Extra insight added to a study of high values

Your feature on the use of Great Britain's 1955-71 Castle high values on cover (February issue, page 52) was interesting and informative, and it has added much to my study on the subject.

The Castles represent a substantial part of the 16-page exhibit I entered at Hampex in 2014. I intend to follow this up with a further exhibit, and your report will certainly add value to this.

I have tried, with the help of others, to explain the calculation of postage fees, including on registered mail, telegrams and the high value packets (HVP) service which was used for moving banknotes around the country.

The latter is without doubt the most difficult area of study, as the whole process was sensitive and confidential, and not all postmasters were in tune and up-to-date with the complex calculation of fees.

**Roddy Owen, Basingstoke**



## Postmarks that make your eyes hurt

My Christmas mail included these strange cancellations: a doubled slogan postmark, at least one of which is from a Swindon franking machine, and what appears to be a quadrupled postmark, one of which is on a different axis from the others!

**Gordon Wharrie, Cheltenham**



## Interpreting a cover from communist China

I was interested in the Chinese cover illustrated in your feature on motorcycle mail (March issue, page 99).

The caption refers to stamps 'overprinted for use in Shensi Province in Shanghai'. In fact the province in question (now usually romanised as Shaanxi) is several hundred miles from Shanghai. In the late 1940s, many local stamps were issued in various parts of China as they came under Communist control, but it is not unknown for such stamps to be used out of area.

The cover depicted has been used locally in Shanghai, and the date on the very clear handstamps translates as June 2, 1950, some months after the founding of the People's Republic of China in October 1949.

All three stamps have no value indicated, but the original unoverprinted stamps, issued by the Republic of China, were intended for ordinary mail (orange) and

registered mail (red), as well as express mail (magenta).

As there is no obvious indication that the cover was sent either registered or express, I suspect that the stamps were cancelled by favour, and it might never have passed through the post. Does it have a receiving datestamp on the reverse?

**E Keith Lloyd, Southampton**

*The author, John Hayward, replies:*

*'All I have is the front of the envelope, as the reverse was removed. I agree that the cover was cancelled by favour but I have always been convinced it was posted by a collector to himself; the envelope is pre-printed 'Bank of IndoChina', and the addressee was probably a French collector working for the bank in Shanghai.'*

*'As I cannot read Chinese, I am very grateful for Keith's dating of the item.'*



## A bridge too far?

Royal Mail's new Bridges stamp issue repeats two of the four bridges featured in the 1968 British Bridges set: Tarr Steps and the Menai Suspension Bridge.

Wouldn't it have been nice if the other two bridges featured back then had also been reprised? Then again, the unlovely and now crumbling M4 viaduct at Chiswick in west London might have been a bridge too far...

**Edward Vincent, Chiswick**



## HOT TOPICS

You can debate the philatelic issues of the day, and exchange opinions and information with other collectors, in the Forums section on our website. Visit [www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)





**ONLY  
£12.99!\***

\*plus P&P. Please note that this front cover is subject to changes. To scan the QR (Quick Response) code you will need to download a QR Reader App (FREE) to your Smartphone. This QR code will take you directly to further details about this product.

# Stanley Gibbons 399 Strand



## The 1840 Penny Black The World's First Postage Stamp

Steeped in history, the Penny Black is a must own for anyone with an interest in philately.

Priced to condition, prices start from just £95.  
Don't miss your opportunity to own this iconic stamp today.



3 Margin Penny Blacks,  
available from just £95  
Code 3MPB



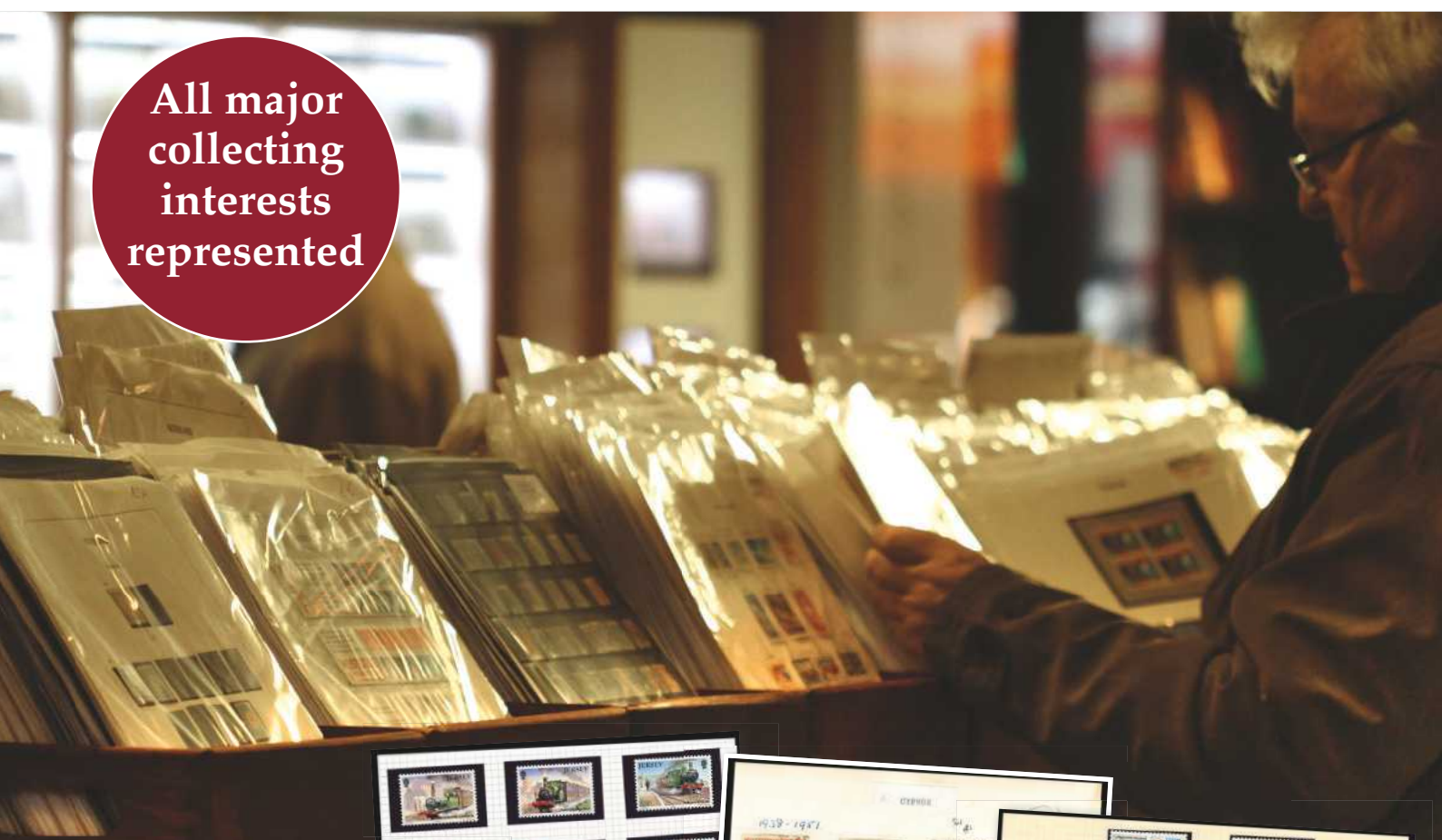
4 Margin Penny Blacks,  
available from just £125  
Code 4MPB

## Hand pick your own in store



# Over 3,000 high quality, great value pages

All major  
collecting  
interests  
represented



## Available Exclusively in Store

For more information or to make a purchase, please contact Stephen Bowyer  
on: Tel. +44 (0)207 557 4436 or [sbowyer@stanleygibbons.com](mailto:sbowyer@stanleygibbons.com)  
399 Strand opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Sat 9:30am-5pm Sun Closed



Est 1856  
**STANLEY  
GIBBONS**

**Stanley Gibbons Limited**  
399 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX  
+44 (0)20 7557 4436  
[www.stanleygibbons.com](http://www.stanleygibbons.com)

# Stanley Gibbons

## Mail Order Special Offer



BY APPOINTMENT TO  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
PHILATELISTS  
STANLEY GIBBONS LTD  
LONDON



**FREE**  
(worth £14.95)  
when you buy  
ANY 3 Booklets  
on this page

### Prestige Booklets

1969 Stamps for Cooks (Stapled) ZP1	£400
1969 Stamps for Cooks (Stitched) ZP1a	£13
1972 Wedgwood DX1	£75
1980 Wedgwood DX2	£8
1982 Story of Stanley Gibbons DX3	£11
1984 Royal Mint DX4	£11
1984 Christian Heritage DX5	£30

1985 The Times DX6	£20
1986 British Rail DX7	£30
1987 P&O DX8	£25
1988 Financial Times DX9	£40
1989 Scots Connection DX10	£22
1990 London Life DX11	£20
1991 Agatha Christie DX12	£20
1992 Wales DX13	£20
1992 JRR Tolkien DX14	£20
1993 Beatrix Potter DX15	£20
1994 Northern Ireland DX16	£25
1995 National Trust DX17	£25
1996 Euro 96 Football DX18	£20
1997 BBC DX19	£20
1998 Wilding Definitives DX20	£26
1998 Breaking Barriers DX21	£35
1999 Profile on Print DX22	£40
1999 World Changers DX23	£35
2000 Special by design DX24	£45
2000 Queen Mother DX25	£31
2000 Treasury of Trees DX26	£40
2001 Royal Navy Submarines DX27	£40
2002 A Gracious Accession DX28	£45
2002 Across the Universe DX29	£34
2003 Microcosmos DX30	£30
2003 Perfect Coronation DX31	£70
2004 Letters by Night DX32	£26
2004 Horticultural Society DX33	£40

2005 Bronte Sisters DX34	£28
2005 Battle of Trafalgar DX35	£24
2006 Brunel DX36	£26
2007 World of Invention DX38	£24
2007 Machin DX39	£24
2007 British Army Uniforms DX40	£26
2008 James Bond DX41	£30
2008 RAF Uniforms DX42	£20
2008 Regional Definitives DX43	£28
2009 Design Classics DX44	£42
2009 Charles Darwin DX45	£50
2009 Treasures of the archive DX46	£18
2010 Navy Uniforms DX47	£20
2010 Classic Album Covers DX48	£30
2010 Royal Society DX49	£20
2010 Accession of KGV DX50	£25
2011 Britain Alone DX51	£22
2011 WWF DX52	£21
2011 Morris & Co DY1	£23
2011 1st Aerial Post DY2	£40
2012 Roald Dahl DY3	£26
2012 Diamond Jubilee DY4	£28
2012 London Olympics DY5	£50
2013 Doctor Who DY6	£30
2013 Football Heroes DY7	£32
2013 Merchant Navy DY8	£24
2014 Classic Locomotives DY9	£32
2014 Buckingham Palace DY10	£25

### PM Booklets

2001 Cats & Dogs.....PM1	£30
2001 Submarine Service.....PM2	£95
2001 Punch & Judy.....PM3	£30
2001 Flags & Ensigns.....PM4	£20
2002 Aviation.....PM5	£12
2002 Football World Cup.....PM6	£12
2002 London Bridges.....PM7	£12
2003 Occasions.....PM8	£12
2003 Extreme Endeavours.....PM9	£12
2003 Scotland.....PM10	£12
2003 Transport Toys.....PM11	£12
2004 Northern Ireland.....PM12	£12
2004 Ocean Liners.....PM13	£12
2004 Wales.....PM14	£18
2008 Beside the seaside.....PM15	£18
2009 Design Classics I.....PM16	£12

2009 Design Classics II.....PM17	£10
2009 Flowers.....PM18	£12
2009 Design Classics III.....PM19	£10
2009 Design Classics IV.....PM20	£10
2010 Olympic Games I.....PM21	£11
2010 Olympic Games II.....PM22	£11
2010 Mammals.....PM23	£10
2010 Olympic Games III.....PM24	£10
2010 Design Classics V.....PM25	£10
2010 Olympic Games IV.....PM26	£10
2011 Thunderbirds.....PM27	£9
2011 BHF.....PM28	£9
2011 Thomas the Tank.....PM29	£9
2011 Olympic Games V.....PM30	£9
2011 Locomotives.....PM31	£9
2011 Olympic Games VI.....PM32	£9

2012 Diamond Jubilee.....PM33	£9
2012 Locomotives of Scotland.....PM34	£9
2013 London Underground.....PM35	£10
2013 Doctor Who.....PM36	£10
2013 Football Heroes I.....PM37	£12
2013 Locomotives of Northern Ireland.....PM38	£10
2013 Butterflies.....PM39	£10
2013 Transport.....PM40	£12
2014 Football Heroes II.....PM41	£12
2014 Buckingham Palace.....PM42	£12
2014 Fish.....PM43	£12
2014 Wales Locomotives.....PM44	£12
2014 Alice In Wonderland.....PM45	£12

Please send me the Prestige/PM books as I have indicated

Name

Address

Tel. No.  email

Signature  Date

debit my card number



(Maestro only)

Valid From  Expires  Issue No  Extra card security

The last 3 (4 if Amex) numbers from your signature strip

GOODS TOTAL	
POSTAGE*	
ORDER TOTAL	

\*FREE POSTAGE WHEN  
YOU SPEND £50 OR MORE  
£5 postage on orders under £50

Return this page to:

Stanley Gibbons Limited, 399 Strand,  
London, WC2R 0LX

or contact

George James +44 (0)20 75574450  
or Lesley Mournie +44 (0)20 75574460

offers@stanleygibbons.com

Est 1856



STANLEY  
GIBBONS





# BLACK HOLE

*As it celebrates its 175th anniversary, for many it remains a must-have stamp.  
But for how many of us is the Penny Black just too tricky to get to grips with?*

I bought my first Penny Black in 1974, when I was about 18. I think I paid about £7, though my memory for how much I've shelled out for stamps over the years has proved alarmingly self-serving at times. So let's agree that it might have been £8.

Whichever it was, all these years later I'm still not sure whether it was a good deal or not. But that is, and always was, beside the point. It was an iconic stamp; the only stamp that most people I knew had ever heard of. It was a must-have item. Its presence marked me out as a proper collector.

Over the years it began to appear necessary to acquire extra copies of this stamp, as the specialist catalogue informed me there were rather more varieties of 1840 1d black than the one that had been listed in the concise catalogue.

For a start, there were the grey-black and intense black shades, although I had to take my dealer's word on these. My copy of the intense was a bit blacker than my original black, and my grey-black was a bit greyer, but I couldn't have been certain they were all in the right categories.

Then there were 11 different printing plates. I could be more or less sure that I had identified the right plate numbers, though I have been known to confuse the odd plate 8 and plate 6. I could even get my head around what the different letters in the corners meant, and why they might be interesting.

But that was as far as it got. Gradually it dawned on me that I was acquiring Penny Blacks more out of duty than out of devotion.

My problem was that didn't feel I really understood the stamp as a philatelist was

supposed to. I loved it for its sense of history, and for the simplicity of its design, but the bottom line was that I didn't really know what I was looking at. I tried, I really did. I read dozens of learned articles, but I

was basically none the wiser.

The bottom line was that I couldn't ever get to grips with the wild variations in value between stamps that looked identical. I couldn't tell the difference between a stamp that



ABOVE: The Penny Black. Original. Historic. Beautiful. Iconic. Fascinating. Desirable. Difficult...

*'I couldn't ever get to grips with the wild variations in the value of Penny Blacks. I couldn't tell the difference between a stamp that was worth £20 and one that was worth £200'*

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Have you given up on the Penny Black because it is too difficult? Or is it the complexity that is its biggest attraction? E-mail your comments to [guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com](mailto:guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com)



**THE AUTHOR**  
John Crace is a GB collector specialising in early booklet panes, and a newspaper columnist

was worth £20 and one that was worth £200. Except that mine always appeared to be worth £20, even if I had paid a great deal more for them.

A kindly stamp dealer did once spend an hour or so trying to talk me through the mysteries of the 1d black, but it was no use. I could see why a stamp with good margins was always preferable, but I couldn't see anything beyond the most obvious tears or thins, and I could never work out what rubbing was. Worst of all, I hadn't a clue whether the ink had become washed out when a stamp was removed from an envelope, or whether it had always been that colour.

It's often said that stamp collecting is a dying hobby because it isn't immediate enough for a generation brought up on Twitter and Facebook. This may well be true, but what often gets overlooked is that some areas of philately are genuinely quite difficult to grasp, even for those who are prepared to invest the time and effort. It isn't simply a question of personal interest; it can also be a matter of ability.

Having recognised my own philatelic limitations, I did what any sane person would do. I sold off my modest collection of Penny Blacks, to concentrate on other collections.

I did keep one, though. I decided I had to have one specimen of the first ever postage stamp, so I kept the one that looked the nicest to my eyes. I've no idea whether it was the most valuable. □



**THIS IS JUST A SMALL PART  
OF OUR 2015 CATALOGUE**  
email: [sales@ajhstamps.co.uk](mailto:sales@ajhstamps.co.uk)  
Web Page: [www.ajhstamps.co.uk](http://www.ajhstamps.co.uk)

**AJH STAMPS LTD**  
THE LAURELS  
MANCHESTER ROAD, ACCRINGTON  
LANCS, BB5 2PF

TEL: (01254) 393740 FAX: (01254) 382274

Registered Business No:  
24407076  
LTD. Co No. 4110518  
Est: 1970



 <p><b>REF T500</b> <b>FREE GENUINE 1840 1d BLACK WITH EVERY GREAT BRITAIN BOX FILE</b> A SUPERB MIX INC 500 DIFF OFF PAPER, ALSO STAMPS ON &amp; OFF PAPER INC KGV &amp; WILKINGS IDEAL FOR WTM ETC PLUS ALBUM PAGES MOST REIGNS, MINT &amp; USED AND FDCs, ITEMS OF NOTE ARE 1841 1d &amp; 2d IMPERF PLUS QV TO 1/- GREEN. KEVII WITH VALUES TO 1/-, KGV WITH VALUES TO 2/6 SEAHORSE, KEVII SET, PLUS KGV WITH VALUES TO 1951 £1 AND QEII TO £5 MAKES THIS A GOOD SORT WITH MANY BETTER VALUES WITH A CAT PRICE OF £1,000+ FOR JUST £129.50 PLUS £8 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</p> <p><b>CAT £375</b></p>	 <p><b>REF T501</b> <b>FREE C. G. O. G. H. TRIANGULAR CAT £90 WITH EVERY COMMONWEALTH BOX FILE</b> A SUPERB MIX INC 1,000 DIFFERENT OFF PAPER USED STC £100+ ALSO ALBUM PAGES WITH A GOOD RANGE OF COUNTRIES, PLUS STAMPS LOOSE ON AND OFF PAPER TO SORT, WITH COUNTRIES A TO Z, ALSO AUCTION LEFT OVERS CONTAINING STAMPS CAT £20+, MAKES THIS A GOOD SORT WITH BETTER ITEMS EARLY TO MODERN FOR JUST £89.50 PLUS £8 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</p> <p><b>CAT £90</b></p>	 <p><b>REF T502</b> <b>FREE STOCK BOOK WITH EVERY FOREIGN BOX FILE</b> CONTAINING STAMPS ON AND OFF PAPER EARLY TO MODERN ALBUM PAGES AND AUCTION LEFT OVERS CONTAINING STAMPS CAT £20+ PLUS 1000 DIFFERENT WORLD USED STC £100+ MAKES THIS A GOOD SORT FOR JUST £89.50 PLUS £8 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</p> <p><b>CAT £900</b></p>	 <p><b>REF T503</b> <b>FREE GENUINE 1840 2d BLUE WITH EVERY GREAT BRITAIN BOX FILE</b> INCLUDING ALBUM PAGES, LOOSE STAMPS ON AND OFF PAPER 6 REIGNS, A BAG CONTAINING 500 DIFFERENT GREAT BRITAIN OFF PAPER AND FDCs. ALSO SINGLE ITEMS 1855 1d &amp; 2d QV TO 1/- 1887 GREEN AND RED KEVII TO 10d, KGV TO 5/- SEAHORSE, KGV TO £1 1939 AND QEII TO £10, MAKES THIS CAT £1000 +</p> <p><b>CAT £900</b></p>	
<p><b>REF T504</b> <b>GREAT BRITAIN BOX FILES</b> BUY REF T500 &amp; T503 AND RECEIVE BOTH FREE GIFTS, 1840 1d BLACK &amp; 2d BLUE, AND WE WILL REPLACE 500 DIFFERENT WITH 1,000 DIFFERENT TO MAKE THIS PAIR OF BOX FILES A SUPERB SORT &amp; VALUE FOR MONEY CAT AT £2,000+ AT JUST</p> <p><b>£269.50 PLUS £9.50 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>	<p><b>REF T520</b> <b>FOREIGN SHOE BOX</b> CRAMMED WITH ON AND OFF PAPER FOREIGN COUNTRIES. ALL WORLD MIXTURE STATED TO BE A MINIMUM OF 1000+ DIFFERENT. ALSO ALBUM PAGES, LOOSE STAMPS AUCTION LEFT OVERS CONTAINING STAMPS CAT £5+ THIS IS A VERY GOOD CHEAP SORT (NO GREAT BRITAIN) OVER 4000 SOLD THE LAST 35 YEARS FOR JUST</p> <p><b>£39.50 PLUS £6 DELIVERY</b></p>	<p><b>REF T521</b> <b>COMMONWEALTH SHOE BOX</b> CONTAINING ON AND OFF PAPER, UNCHECKED A TO Z EARLY TO MODERN, LOOSE AND ON LEAVES, A GOOD MAINLY MODERN MIX, BUT SOME EARLY MIXED IN, BETTER SINGLES, CHEAP LOT, 1000+ STAMPS, MAINLY USED, FOR JUST</p> <p><b>£39.50 PLUS £6 DELIVERY</b></p>	<p><b>REF T522</b> <b>CHANNEL IS, REGIONALS &amp; IOM SHOE BOX</b> CONTAINS STAMPS ON &amp; OFF PAPER, DEFINITIVES &amp; COMMEMORATIVES, PLUS ALBUM PAGES FDCs ETC, ALSO SOME SETS &amp; SINGLES, MINT &amp; USED, A GOOD SORT FOR THESE POPULAR COUNTRIES, FOR JUST</p> <p><b>£39.50 PLUS £6 DELIVERY</b></p>	<p><b>REF T523</b> <b>GREAT BRITAIN SHOE BOX, FREE 1841 IMPERF 1d RED &amp; 2d BLUE</b> <b>CAT £130</b> CONTAINING A GOOD MIX OF ALL 6 REIGNS FROM 1d REDS TO MODERN INC STAMPS ON &amp; OFF PAPER, INC SOME EARLY, IDEAL FOR WATERMARKS, ALSO ALBUM PAGES, FDCs, MINT &amp; USED SETS &amp; SINGLES ETC</p> <p><b>£39.50 PLUS £6 DELIVERY</b></p>
 <p><b>REF T519</b> <b>WORLD 12KG BOX</b> BOX OF ALL WORLD COLLECTIONS COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN (NO GREAT BRITAIN) AND NO STAMPS ON PAPER A GOOD MIX OF COUNTRIES AND SINGLE COUNTRY COLLECTIONS IN STOCKBOOKS AND ALBUMS AS RECEIVED COULD BE ANYTHING 1,000s OF STAMPS</p> <p><b>£249.50 PLUS £15.00 DELIVERY BY INTERLINK.</b></p>		 <p><b>REF T510</b> <b>THE FAMOUS ALL WORLD WOODEN TEA CHEST OF STAMPS</b> YES, THE ULTIMATE SORT WITH OVER 900 OF THESE SOLD IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, A MUST FOR COLLECTOR/DEALER OR ANYONE WHO LIKES A GOOD SORT, INC COLLECTIONS, PACKETS, LOOSE LEAVES, BOXES, INC GB, CW &amp; FOREIGN, STOCKBOOKS OF ALL WORLD, SINGLES &amp; SETS WITH STAMPS CAT £50+, 15,000+ STAMPS WITH RETAIL VALUE OF £1,000+ &amp; WEIGHING APPROX 30 KILOS, MAKING THIS A SUPERB LOT.</p> <p><b>HAVE YOU TRIED ONE YET FOR</b> <b>£699.50 PLUS £28.00 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>		
<p><b>REF T550</b> <b>GREAT BRITAIN WOODEN HALF TEA CHEST</b> CONTAINING COLLECTIONS, STOCKBOOKS, LOOSE PAGES STOCKCARDS, BOXES OF ON &amp; OFF PAPER &amp; LOOSE STAMPS, FROM QV TO MODERN INC 1840 1d BLACK, 1d REDS AND A GOOD SELECTION OF MINT &amp; USED, ALL REIGNS, PLUS FDCs ETC, A GOOD LOT, VERY HIGH CAT, WITH TOP VALUES AND AUCTION LEFTOVERS CAT £50+ EACH, STATED TO RETAIL £700+</p> <p><b>£499.50 PLUS £20 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>		<p><b>REF T551</b> <b>COMMONWEALTH WOODEN HALF TEA CHEST</b> CONTAINING COLLECTIONS, STOCKBOOKS, LOOSE PAGES &amp; STOCKSHEETS, FROM QV TO MODERN INC CAPE OF GOOD HOPE TRIANGULAR, ALSO BOXES OF UNSORTED MATERIAL, LOOSE STAMPS ON &amp; OFF PAPER, COVERS &amp; AUCTION LEFTOVERS CAT £50+ EACH, SETS &amp; SINGLES, GOOD HIGH CAT LOT, STATED TO RETAIL £700+</p> <p><b>£499.50 PLUS £20 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>		<p><b>REF T552</b> <b>FOREIGN WOODEN HALF TEA CHEST</b> CONTAINING COLLECTIONS, STOCKBOOKS, LOOSE PAGES &amp; STOCKSHEETS, ALSO BOXES OF UNSORTED MATERIAL, STAMPS LOOSE ON &amp; OFF PAPER, &amp; SINGLE STAMPS &amp; AUCTION LEFTOVERS CAT £50+ EACH, GOOD HIGH CAT LOT, EARLY TO MODERN, STATED TO RETAIL £600+</p> <p><b>£399.50 PLUS £20 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>
 <p><b>REF T508</b> <b>FREE 32 PAGE STOCKBOOK</b> WITH EVERY SUITCASE CONTAINING A MASS OF STAMPS ON AND OFF PAPER, FROM LOCAL &amp; INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES, UNCHECKED BY US. PLUS ALBUMS, STOCKBOOKS, ALBUM PAGES, AUCTION LEFTOVERS WITH STAMPS CAT £50+, A SUPERB SORT 10,000+ STAMPS FOR PROFIT OR PLEASURE, WITH A RETAIL VALUE OF £500+.</p> <p><b>£299.50 PLUS £24.50 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>	 <p><b>REF T546</b> <b>ALL WORLD MYSTERY CARTON</b> HALF BOX CONTAINS G.B. COMMONWEALTH, CHANNEL ISLANDS, IOM AND FOREIGN, MIX ON AND OFF PAPER, ALSO COLLECTIONS, ALBUM PAGES, STOCKCARDS AND AUCTION LEFT OVERS, MOSTLY AS RECEIVED WITH STAMPS CAT £25+ 1000s OF STAMPS TO SORT FOR JUST</p> <p><b>£129.50 PLUS £9.50 FOR DELIVERY BY INTERLINK</b></p>		 <p><b>REF T547</b> <b>ALL WORLD LUCKY BAG WITH A FREE PACKET CONTAINS 500 DIFFERENT ALL WORLD</b> A PLASTIC ZIP UP BAG CRAMMED WITH WORLD ON AND OFF PAPER AS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS CHARITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING COMMONWEALTH, FOREIGN, GREAT BRITAIN, EARLY TO MODERN AS RECEIVED, A VERY GOOD AND CHEAP SORTER</p> <p><b>£15.99 PLUS £2.50 POSTAGE</b></p>	

**OUR 'T' NUMBERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE**

## MONTHLY PUBLIC AND POSTAL AUCTION

HELD AT THE DUNKENHALGH HOTEL AND SPA, CLAYTON LE MOORS, ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE BB5 5JP (JUNC. 7 OFF M65)  
ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH VIEWING 5.30PM TO 7.25PM AUCTION STARTS PROMPT 7.30PM APPROX 700 LOTS PER HOUR  
WRITE OR PHONE ON 01254 393740 OR E-MAIL: [sales@ajhstamps.co.uk](mailto:sales@ajhstamps.co.uk) NOW FOR OUR FREE MONTHLY PUBLIC AUCTION CATALOGUE CONTAINING APPROX 700 LOTS, WITH CARTONS, COLLECTIONS, FOLDER ONE COUNTRY LOTS, PLUS GREAT BRITAIN, COMMONWEALTH SETS AND SINGLE ITEMS, PRICES FROM £10 TO £10,000 PER LOT.

OUR PRE SALE ESTIMATE IS OVER 1½ MILLION POUND PER YEAR

**NO CREDIT CARD CHARGES OR BUYERS' PREMIUM**

**AUCTION DATES FOR 2015**

**8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August,  
9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December**





WRITE PHONE OR FAX FOR OUR MONTHLY WHOLESALE/RETAIL SALE LIST WITH OVER 1,000 ITEMS, INCLUDING COMMONWEALTH A TO Z SINGLE STAMPS AND SETS MINT AND USED ALSO GREAT BRITAIN QV TO MODERN FROM HALF PRICE PLUS GREAT BRITAIN DEFINITIVES, SETS AND SINGLES, MINT AND USED AND 1840 QV TO 1936 G/F/USED, PLUS COLLECTIONS AND BOXES, AND A FURTHER RANGE OF 'T' NUMBERS

**HAVE YOU CLICKED YET?**

VISIT OUR ON-LINE AUCTION MANY LOTS  
STARTING FROM AS LITTLE AS £1  
WITH AUTOMATIC BID UPDATES

[www.ajhstamps.co.uk](http://www.ajhstamps.co.uk)

**DEALERS YOU  
CAN TRUST  
OVER 40  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE**

We welcome  
  
  
  
  
NO CREDIT CARD  
CHARGES

WE BUY COLLECTIONS AND  
DEALER'S ENTIRE STOCK SMALL  
OR VAST, WITH IMMEDIATE  
PAYMENTS. RING NOW



scan with  
your phone

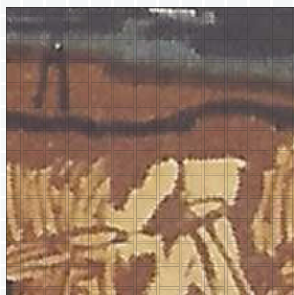


## COMPETITION Spot The Stamp

Take a close look at the enlarged detail of a GB stamp shown on the right. If you can identify which stamp it's from, you could win a copy of *British Stamp Market Values 2015*, the authoritative annual price guide from the publishers of *Stamp Magazine*.

All you have to do is tell us which stamp it is, including its value, the name of the set it is from and the year of issue. Send your answer on a postcard (or sealed envelope) with your name, address and telephone number, to Spot The Stamp (Apr), *Stamp Magazine*, PO Box 269, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 0DJ.

The closing date for entries is April 9, 2015, and the first correct answer drawn from our postbag after that date will win the book. Good luck!



## January's answer



The Spot The Stamp winner from the January issue is R Cullum from Norwich, who correctly identified the mystery stamp (left) as the 19p value from the 2000 Water & Coast set, featuring the Turning The Tide Millennium Project in Durham.

## COMPETITION WINNERS 2014 Yearbook

In our January issue, we offered you the chance to win a 2014 Yearbook, courtesy of Royal Mail.

We asked you which 2014 special stamp issue featured William Tickle, and the answer was the First World War set issued in July. Tickle was a private in the British Expeditionary Force in France.

The lucky winner whose correct answer was the first drawn at random was Graham Plumb from Hadleigh.

Congratulations, Graham. Your prize will be sent out within three weeks of publication.



# WIN



a Comedy Greats presentation pack



We have a presentation pack of the Comedy Greats stamp issue to give away to each of 12 lucky winners, courtesy of Royal Mail.

The set of 10 stamps is due to be released on April 1.

To enter, simply answer the question below, fill in the coupon and send it to the address shown.

The closing date is April 9, 2015, and the winners will be drawn at random after that date.

## QUESTION

Which funny lady was caricatured in a 1998 Royal Mail issue celebrating comedians?

**Terms & Conditions:** Entry is open to UK residents with a permanent UK address, except employees (and their families) of MyTimeMedia, its printers and agents, the suppliers of the prizes and any other companies associated with the competitions. Winners must be aged 18 or over. Only one entry per household is permissible. No responsibility can be accepted for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post. Winners will be notified by post, telephone or e-mail. Prizes are not transferable to another individual and no cash or other alternatives will be offered. The promoters reserve the right to amend or alter the terms of competitions and reject entries from entrants not entering into the spirit of the competition. Unless stated otherwise, all postal entries must be made on the relevant coupon printed in the magazine. The winners will be chosen from all correct entries received by the closing date stated. The decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

### STAMP MAGAZINE COMEDY COMPETITION

Answer .....

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Telephone .....

E-mail .....

**Send this form to: Comedy Competition (Apr), Stamp Magazine, PO Box 269, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 0DJ**

Your details will be processed by Stamp Magazine and MyTimeMedia Ltd in full accordance with all relevant UK and EU data protection legislation. We may contact you with information about our other products and services.

If you do not wish to be contacted by Stamp Magazine or MyTimeMedia please tick here: ☐ e-mail ☐ post ☐ telephone

If you do not wish to be contacted by carefully selected third parties please tick here: ☐ e-mail ☐ post ☐ telephone

## THE UNISSUED 52¢ CANADA CHRISTMAS STAMP

Special Offer #SM275

In 1994 the Canadian Parliament turned down a proposed rate hike planned by Canada Post. The first class letter rate would have been increased from 50¢ to 52¢, the overseas rate from 88¢ to 90¢.

Canada Post had assumed that the rate increase would be approved automatically, so sure in fact that they had already printed the new Christmas stamps! Vast quantities of 52¢ and 90¢ stamps had to be destroyed. A few escaped destruction, and it is now known that one pad of 50 sheets of the 52¢ value was sold (a mere 2,500 stamps in all).

I have a few singles and blocks available. I feel that they have an excellent future, for no Canadian collection is really complete without one. Condition is very fine mint unmounted and prices are as follow:

- Single stamp **£119.00**
- Block of four **£395.00**
- Imprint block of four **£595.00**

I do also have a small stock of the 90¢ unissued value. Only singles are known of this, and less than a thousand exist. A nice mint single is £295.00.



**Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd.**

P.O. Box 450 - Bathurst - New Brunswick - E2A 3Z4 - Canada

Tel: 1(506) 546-6363 - Fax 1(506) 546-6627

Email: glstamps@nb.aibn.com - Website [www.garylyon.com](http://www.garylyon.com)

## COMMEMORATIVE GUERNSEY & ALDERNEY STAMPS

**Guernsey Post and Go** Powered by Royal Mail

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**

**Year of the Goat 2015**

**Issue date: 18 Feb:** Set of 6 **£3.73**

**Issue Date 5 Feb:** Set of six stamps: **£3.73**

**Issue Date 28 Jan:** Set of six stamps: **£3.73**



**The Life of Winston Churchill**

**Issue Date 22 Jan:** Miniature Sheet: **£3.00**



First Day Cover: **£4.93**

**ORDER OTHER PRODUCTS FOR THESE ISSUES AT [WWW.GUERNSEYSTAMPS.COM](http://WWW.GUERNSEYSTAMPS.COM)**

Order Guernsey & Alderney stamps online at [www.guernseystamps.com](http://www.guernseystamps.com)  
or by telephone on +44 (0) 1481 716486  Facebook/[guernseyphilatelic](https://www.facebook.com/guernseyphilatelic)





# Brandon

STAMP AUCTIONS.COM



We invite you to visit our vast online shop which contains many thousands of selected items from Great Britain & The Commonwealth ranging from Classic issues, Modern Errors to Specialised Machines for immediate purchase from one of the leading names in philately.

NEW ITEMS ADDED DAILY - Now Buying/Selling Precious Metal Coins... **WHAT CAN YOU OFFER?**

## Brandon Stamp Auctions

PO Box 247 :: Guildford :: Surrey :: GU3 1EL

T. +44 (0) 203 289 5201 :: E. enquiries@brandonstampauctions.com

[www.brandonstampauctions.com](http://www.brandonstampauctions.com)

Buy a new **Harriet's** Bridges cover and get 50% off any other **Harriet's** cover

Offer expires 30 March  
While stocks last  
Promotion code **March50**

Celebrating ten bridges,  
from around the UK



£25.00

## BRIDGES

A limited edition First Day Cover celebrating ten UK bridges Issued on 5th March 2015  
Limited to 120

Visit [fdcovers.com](http://fdcovers.com) to sign up for **THE FD** free newsletter

To order please go to [hc.fdcovers.com](http://hc.fdcovers.com) or phone us on **020 8941 3481**

# Good as gold

Having acquired Europe's rarest stamp, the greatest modern collection of classic Sweden has been dubbed the 'golden collection'. It's one of the special exhibits invited to be part of the Court of Honour at London 2015 Europhilex

□ Exhibit by Gustaf Douglas

Sweden had been one of the first countries in Europe to have a properly organised national postal service, established under Queen Christina as far back as 1636. So it was no surprise when it joined the ranks of the countries introducing postal reform with uniform postage rates in 1855.

It did so with a series of five values denominated in the skilling banco currency, which would remain in use for just three years before being replaced by a series with essentially the same coat-of-arms design but denominated in öre.

The first issue has been the focus of many great collections over the years, but none greater than that formed in recent years by Count Gustaf Douglas, a Swedish nobleman, industrialist and politician.

It was given the ultimate gravitas in May 2014 by the addition of one of the world's few genuinely unique postage stamps, the legendary Treskilling Yellow.

## First design proposal

The production of Sweden's first adhesive stamps was entrusted to the versatile young engraver and book printer Count Pehr Ambjörn Sparre.

Only 27 years old at the time, Sparre essayed, engraved and printed the issue at his printing works in Stockholm, and even perforated the sheets using a machine of his own design.

Scant information survives about the preparations and preliminary work for the issue, although Sparre's first proposed design was preserved in the collection of Wilhelm Roos, the former Postmaster-General.

Sketched in pencil and filled in with blue ink (the pencil lines are still visible in some places) on 0.1mm-thick, greyish and slightly glazed paper, it was based on the



ABOVE: The 4sk blue from the first stamp issue of Sweden, cancelled at Nederkalix on the first day of usage, July 1, 1855

lesser coat-of-arms of Sweden.

At the top, a crown was flanked by two lions. Under this, in white on a black escutcheon, was the abbreviated denomination '4sk Bco', enclosed on three sides by a banderole inscribed 'Frimärke' (stamp) and 'Swerte' (Sweden).

Also indicated in the design, on ribbons overlapping the banderole, was the weight limit for which the denomination would be valid, '1 lod' (13.16g).

## Issued design

Researchers have not been able to fully reconstruct the evolution of the design, but the issued version was more true to Sweden's lesser coat of arms, as the escutcheon featured three golden coronets (a symbol of Swedish monarchy since the late 13th century) rather than the denomination.

The inscriptions 'Sverige' (a more modern change of spelling) and 'Frimärke' were now incorporated ▷





ABOVE: The design, engraving and printing of Sweden's first stamp issue was entrusted to the young engraver and book printer Count Pehr Ambjörn Sparre



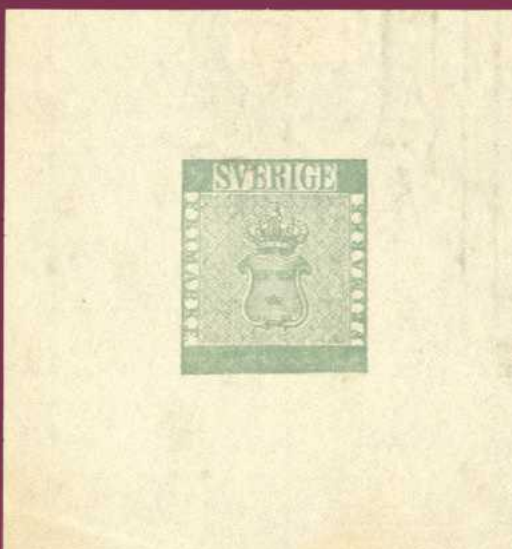
ABOVE: Sparre's initial proposed design for the 1855 stamp issue, sketched in pencil and filled in with ink



ABOVE: Proof in ultramarine (similar to the colour of the issued 4sk stamp) on yellowish ribbed paper



ABOVE: Proof in dull brown red (similar to the colour of the issued 3sk stamp) on smooth, almost white paper



ABOVE: Proof in blue-green (similar to the colour of the issued 24sk stamp) on yellowish ribbed paper



in the rectangular frame, as was the denomination, which was presented in numerals in the upper corners and spelled out in a value tablet at the foot.

A total of nine colour proofs made from the mother die and from clichés used during the development of the die are known, printed on several different paper types but all with the value tablets left blank.

## Five values

The printing contract between the postal administration and Sparre stated that the stamps should be produced in five separate denominations, each with a distinctive colour.

The issued values were a 3sk green, a 4sk blue, a 6sk grey, an 8sk yellow and a 24sk red. All were printed in mineral pigment and, since each printing order was relatively small, exist in a variety of shades. The 3sk comes in various shades of bluish-green for example, the 4sk in slate blue or turquoise, while the 8sk ranges from bright yellow to brownish orange.

The 4sk was for the basic domestic letter rate and the 8sk for the double rate (all domestic letters and letter packages required postage which was a multiple of 4sk for each additional weight step).

The 3sk and 6sk were make-up values for mail posted abroad (postage rates to the German states, for example, started at 15sk), while the 24sk was a supplementary value for mail sent registered or a longer distance abroad.

## Rules of usage

Postal reform was effective from Sunday, July 1, 1855, and along with the new stamps the postal administration issued a series of proclamations, circulars and instructions which are of great philatelic interest.

It was clearly stated that the adhesive stamps should be applied in the upper left-hand corner of the face of the letter. In most cases they were, although many covers exist with their franking to the upper right corner or elsewhere.

It was also declared that the stamps were to be cancelled in printer's ink, showing name of the post office and the date. It is notable that there are many surviving covers with very clear handstamps, some circular and some rectangular.



ABOVE: Cover of August 2, 1855, from Bollnäs to Stockholm, franked at the basic domestic letter rate of 4sk



RIGHT: Cover of August 16, 1857, from Lund to Helsingfors in Finland, franked with the correct rate of 20sk by way of five copies of the 4sk blue



ABOVE: Cover of April 6, 1857, from Halmstad to Aalborg in Denmark, franked with the rate of 12sk by way of four copies of the 3sk green





ABOVE: Cover of May 4, 1857, from Pitea to London via Stettin and Ostend, franked with the correct rate of 36sk by way of a 4sk blue, an 8sk yellow and a 24sk orange-red

*'Since each print order was relatively small, the five values exist in a variety of shades. The 8sk, for example, ranges from bright yellow to brownish orange'*

### Treskilling Yellow

Sweden's most famous stamp, formerly the holder of the world record price for a single stamp sold at auction, is the Treskilling Yellow: a 3sk stamp printed in yellow, when it should have been green.

Usually it is called an error of colour, although this is a misnomer. It is thought to be the result of a 3sk cliché having been accidentally included in the forme of 100 dies used to print sheets of the 8sk (at a

time, in 1857, when the plates were starting to wear out and individual clichés needed to be replaced), so in reality it is an error of denomination!

The only known example was found by the 14-year-old Georg Wilhelm Backman 30 years later, in 1887. He had heard that Heinrich Lichtenstein, a stamp dealer in Stockholm, would pay 7kr each for used examples of the 3sk and 24sk, so when he visited his grandmother during the Christmas holidays he



ABOVE: Cover of September 15, 1857, from Stockholm to Rome via Austria, franked with the correct rate of 31sk, by way of a 4sk blue, a 3sk green and a 24sk orange-red

asked her whether there were any old letters left by his deceased grandfather, from which he could remove the stamps. Indeed there were, and one was rather more interesting than the others.

Sadly the cover on which the stamp was used was not retained, although Backman did record a description of it as a blue lettersheet with just a single stamp on it (used as if it were an 8sk value and clearly accepted by the postal service as such).

The partial and smudged rectangular cancellation is clearly that of Nya Kopparberget on July 13, and the year, although incomplete, is assumed to be 1857. On this basis several reconstructions of the cover have been made.

The Treskilling Yellow itself has been accused of being a forgery (and forgeries of the stamp have been produced, not least by the notorious Jean de Sperati), but it has survived these persistent rumours.

More than 150 years after it was printed, it still has the magnetic attraction of being unique. But at the same time, there is always the

RIGHT: One of only six known imperforate examples of the 6sk grey, all apparently from the same sheet printed on thin paper and all cancelled at Carlshamm in the summer of 1856



## ROLL OF HONOUR

The Treskilling Yellow has a most impressive provenance. Although it spent a long period in the hands of investors in recent times, its chain of ownership contains some of Sweden's and the world's most eminent collectors:

- ☐ Georg Wilhelm Backman
- ☐ Heinrich Lichtenstein
- ☐ Philipp von Ferrary
- ☐ Baron Eric Leijonhufvud
- ☐ Claes A Tamm
- ☐ Johan Ramberg
- ☐ King Carol II of Romania
- ☐ René Berlingin
- ☐ Armand Rouso
- ☐ Count Gustaf Douglas



ABOVE: Gustaf Douglas





LEFT: The unique Treskilling Yellow 'error of colour', one of the world's most valuable stamps

exciting possibility that another example might surface one day.

## Currency change

Sparre's contract stipulated that he would, without compensation from the postal administration, need to change the denominations from

skilling banco to a new monetary unit once the planned currency reform had taken effect and a sufficient supply of coins had been produced.

This duly came about in 1858, with the stamps being reprinted for the new decimal currency of 100 öre to 1 riksdaler. □

## LONDON 2015

This feature is based on an exhibit by Gustaf Douglas, which has been invited to form part of the Court of Honour at London 2015 Europhilex.

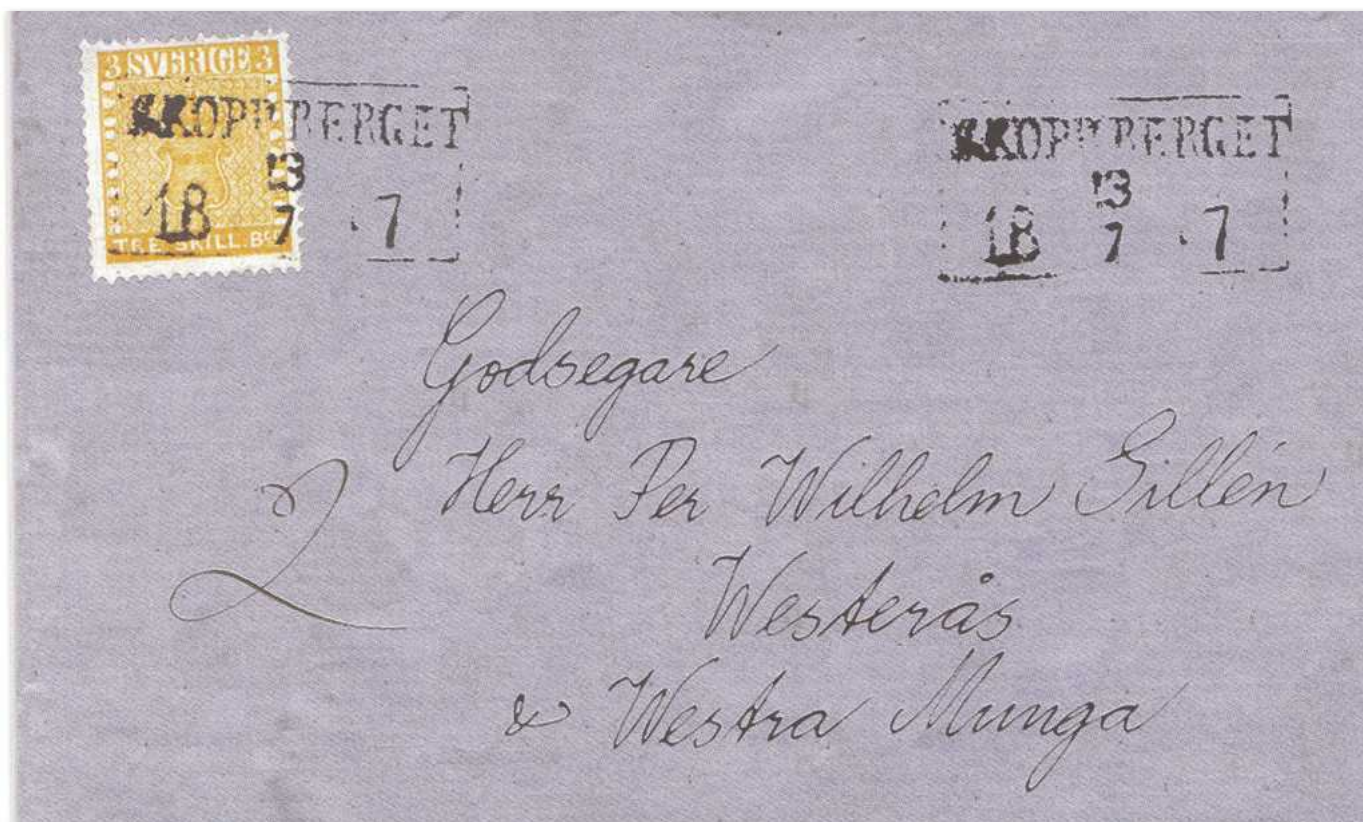
Entitled 'Philatelic Events That Changed The World', this will bring together many spectacular and rare stamps and covers which have never before been seen at the same event, in a special 20-frame display.

London 2015 Europhilex, Britain's biggest philatelic exhibition for five years, takes place at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London, from May 13-16.

For further information visit [www.london2015.net](http://www.london2015.net)



BELOW: Imagined reconstruction (by Robert Mattson at the Postal Museum in Stockholm) of the cover from which the Treskilling Yellow was removed in 1887





# This is My Promise to You ...

**“Massive** Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering Savings, with Absolutely NO Buyer's Premium and ALL Lots Guaranteed”

Andrew McGavin, Managing Director Universal Philatelic Auctions

**... I'll Give You the 1<sup>st</sup> £55 FREE To Get You Started**

...Continued from page 17

## Our Business Model is Different ...

6. **You said that before. So Just How does UPA differ?** We looked for solutions to the 'unsold' problem – if we could solve that problem we would sell more, utilise stock more efficiently and have funds available for new stock ... and so we created ...

7. **Selling Systems.** It is a 'given' you can order sets / singles in standard condition from dealers ... but the moment a stamp becomes used, or even mounted mint it is no longer standard. Is it heavy hinged, is the cancel parcel, wavy or CDS (circular date stamp)? Each stamp requires separate handling and unique pricing so the only way to handle such efficiently is in a selling system.

8. **Integrated Selling Systems. Avon & Omniphil Approvals** - 20 years ago our business sold in 2 different selling systems: **individually** priced stamps upon home **approval** and **unit priced** 'loose' stamps sent to collectors as **mixtures** (today you can still request either / both from the coupons beside the index). A bit like 'Water-Works' and 'Electricity' in monopoly the 2 systems allowed us to buy more, sell more and pay higher prices to obtain better stock ... but we had no outlet for rarer / high value stamps so ...

9. **Universal Philatelic Auctions.** ... 15 years ago we created and added UPA to allow us to handle more valuable stamps not suited to Approvals, but we knew that in order to eliminate the 'unsold' issue we needed to come up with a further unique selling proposition ...

10. **Best of Conventional Auctions.** ... so we scoured the stamp

world for best practice ideas and all of the features that collectors like you love - such as lots unconditionally guaranteed or dislike such as pernicious buyer's premiums. UPA employed all of the best features and then carefully added unique features such as ...

11. **Standardised Shipping, Insurance Included.** ... so that no matter how much you win you'll know in advance exactly how much delivery will be ... (and we made it modest too) ... finally, and this is the **painful part** we had to recognise that if something was not selling it was too expensive ... so ...

12. **Unique UPA Reducing Estimate System.** ... we created the unique UPA Reducing Estimate System. Creating transparency we grabbed the bull by the horns telling you how many times a lot has been previously unsold at the end of each description ... and although we initially set to reduce by 10% each time unsold ... we didn't; in practice we reduce by 11%, then a further 12%, 13%, 14% each time re-offered and so on till sold or given away ...

13. **Today, almost 15 years later.** ... but would it work? ... Today almost 15 years later the UPA reducing estimate system is unique to the trade and 2,031 different collectors and some dealers bid in our last auction – 88% of whom were successful. Fusing all of the synergies of integrated selling systems combined with the most efficient use of stamps in the industry the system works thanks to loyal support from Collectors like you. Collectors tend to stay with UPA but as clients come and sadly some go ... we need to attract new clients joining to maintain the integrity of the system which is why ...

**... which is Why I'll Give You £55 OFF to get You Started!**

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)

[info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)

– send the coupon / simply request in any way today! –

**OR VIEW / BID ON-LINE NOW – we'll take the 1<sup>st</sup> £55 FREE**

Universal Philatelic Auctions,

UPA SM15/4

4 The Old Coalyard,  
West End  
Northleach, Glos.

GL54 3HE UK  
T: 01451 861111  
F: 01451 861297

<b>Do it Today</b>	<b>NEW CLIENTS</b>
<b>£1<sup>st</sup> 55 FREE</b>	<b>£1<sup>st</sup> 55 FREE</b>
<b>Request Your Free Catalogue</b>	Name.....
	Address.....
	Postcode..... Tel.....
	Country.....
	Email.....
	SM15/4

Offer open to collectors aged 18+ in the UK, US, West Europe, Australia, Canada & NZ

Returning UPA client? Not purchased for 12 months: £26 deducted if you spend more than £52, mention offer when requesting catalogue

# I AM BUYING

After 30+ years of having a stand at Stampex & a shop in The Strand, London, I am now still operating, although in a more relaxed manner from “down on the farm”.

I am still buying **All World** collections, singles, sets & covers to satisfy the needs of my many clients.

**I do also buy material in auction where I often have to pay a buyers premium of between 10% & 20%.**

**This translates to me being happy to pay the full amount immediately to you for purchases, which therefore means an extra 10% to 20% plus the auctions sales commission, directly to you.**



## Malcolm Sprei

Formerly of The Strand, London.

PO Box 2418, Wall Farm, Watford WD18 1TY UK.

**Tel: 01923 839643 • Mobile: 07940 548757**

**Email: [malcolm@malcolmsprei.co.uk](mailto:malcolm@malcolmsprei.co.uk)**



# Riding the waves

Using the Badge of Colony as the inspiration for its 1892 issue gave Barbados a stirring motif that would adorn its stamps for more than half a century

□ Report by John Winchester

**B**arbados, the most easterly of the Caribbean islands, had adhesive stamps from as early as 1852, with a famous image of Britannia holding a spear. But in 1882 this was replaced by a rather more utilitarian key-type design.

Sir Clement Knollys, who was appointed Colonial Secretary shortly afterwards, clearly held this in low esteem, for in September 1891 he wrote to the Crown Agents: 'It is the wish of this government to substitute the Arms of Barbados for the Queen's head on postage stamps.'

In fact he was incorrect in referring to the Arms, for these were not granted until 1966. He meant the Badge of the Colony, which was based on the Great Seal presented to Barbados by King Charles II.

The original seal had depicted King Charles, holding a trident, sitting in a chariot being pulled across the waves by sea horses. The latest incarnation instead had a crowned female figure, suggestive of Queen Victoria, being transported in an elaborate shell carriage. But the trident and the sea horses remained, as did the unspoken message that Britain ruled the waves.

Eight values were requested, ranging from ½d to 2s 6d. The colony was happy to leave the choice of colours to the printers, De La Rue, while the Crown Agents asked for the value tablets of the four highest

RIGHT: Barbados 1892-1903 2s 6d blue-black and orange, based on the Badge of the Colony



RIGHT: The 1897-98 Diamond Jubilee 2s 6d, with its more imperious design



The initial series went on sale in July 1892, with a ¼d denomination added in 1896 and a 2d in 1899. After a change of colour for the 2s 6d in 1903, seven values were reprinted with the Multiple Crowns CA watermark from 1905.

The design would also form the basis of the colony's 1897-98 Diamond Jubilee issue, turned into a larger, more distinguished stamp by placing the badge in a diamond frame with the Arms of England, Scotland and Ireland as corner pieces.

In fact the concept would continue to evolve, with a typographed King George V design introduced in 1912, a grand recess-printed version in 1916 and a King George VI update in 1938. In production until 1947, it would become of the most enduring motifs in Caribbean philately. □


denominations to be printed in a second colour.

The stamps were printed by typography, from a key plate of 240 multiples and a duty plate of 120 multiples, on paper with the Crown CA watermark, perforated 14.

*'The original design would later form the basis of a Diamond Jubilee commemorative issue, and two recess-printed series'*

## MARKET VALUES

The 1892-1903 set of 11 is catalogued at around £250 mint and £350 fine used. The 1897 Diamond Jubilee set of nine requires a similar outlay.



## 1d RED PLATES






Plate	m/m	Used	Plate	m/m	Used	Plate	m/m	Used	Plate	m/m	Used
71	£25.00	£0.60	116	£30.00	£1.80	161	£18.75	£1.40	204	£15.00	£0.50
72	£27.50	£0.80	117	£18.00	£0.50	162	£18.75	£1.40	205	£15.00	£0.60
73	£27.50	£0.60	118	£20.00	£0.50	163	£18.75	£0.60	206	£15.00	£1.80
74	£27.50	£0.50	119	£18.00	£0.50	164	£17.50	£0.60	207	£15.00	£1.80
76	£27.50	£0.50	120	£11.50	£0.50	165	£18.75	£0.50	208	£15.00	£3.20
78	£27.50	£0.50	121	£16.00	£1.90	166	£11.50	£1.20	209	£15.00	£1.80
79	£18.75	£0.50	122	£11.50	£0.50	167	£11.50	£0.50	210	£19.50	£2.40
80	£18.00	£0.50	123	£16.00	£0.50	168	£12.50	£1.40	211	£23.00	£5.75
81	£20.00	£0.55	124	£11.50	£0.50	169	£15.00	£1.40	212	£19.50	£2.25
82	£85.00	£0.80	125	£16.00	£0.50	170	£11.50	£0.50	213	£19.50	£2.25
83	£95.00	£1.50	127	£22.00	£0.55	171	£11.50	£0.50	214	£19.50	£3.60
84	£27.50	£0.55	129	£16.00	£1.60	172	£11.50	£0.50	215	£19.50	£3.60
85	£16.00	£0.55	130	£22.00	£0.55	173	£17.50	£1.80	216	£19.50	£3.60
86	£20.00	£0.80	131	£26.00	£3.20	174	£11.50	£0.50	217	£19.50	£1.50
87	£13.75	£0.50	132	£95.00	£10.00	175	£15.00	£0.70	218	£19.50	£1.75
88	£130.00	£2.00	133	£60.00	£3.00	176	£17.50	£0.55	219	£38.50	£25.00
89	£16.00	£0.50	134	£11.50	£0.50	177	£15.00	£0.50	220	£12.50	£1.50
90	£16.00	£0.50	135	£38.00	£5.25	178	£19.50	£0.70	221	£17.50	£4.00
91	£22.00	£1.20	136	£36.00	£4.00	179	£15.00	£0.55	222	£23.00	£14.00
92	£16.50	£0.50	137	£11.00	£0.55	180	£20.00	£1.00	223	£37.50	£25.00
93	£20.00	£0.50	138	£11.50	£0.50	181	£11.50	£0.50	224	£40.00	£25.00
94	£18.00	£1.00	139	£24.00	£3.50	182	£32.50	£1.00	225	£950.00	£280.00
95	£16.00	£0.50	140	£11.50	£0.50	183	£19.50	£0.60			
96	£18.00	£0.50	141	£44.00	£1.80	184	£11.50	£0.50	SG48/9	1/2d	Plates
97	£16.00	£0.70	142	£28.00	£4.80	185	£19.50	£0.60	1	£50.00	£13.75
98	£20.00	£1.20	143	£18.75	£3.00	186	£15.00	£0.55	3	£35.00	£3.00
99	£22.00	£1.00	144	£39.50	£4.00	187	£15.00	£0.50	4	£30.00	£2.25
100	£24.00	£0.75	145	£12.00	£0.55	188	£19.50	£2.00	5	£20.00	£1.75
101	£24.00	£1.80	146	£16.00	£1.20	189	£19.50	£1.40	6	£20.00	£1.75
102	£16.00	£0.50	147	£20.00	£0.60	190	£15.00	£1.20	8	£50.00	£11.50
103	£20.00	£0.70	148	£16.00	£0.60	191	£11.50	£1.40	9	£1200.00	£150.00
104	£32.50	£1.00	149	£16.00	£1.20	192	£15.00	£0.50	10	£200.00	£1.75
105	£37.50	£1.50	150	£11.50	£0.50	193	£12.50	£0.50	11	£20.00	£1.75
106	£22.00	£0.50	151	£20.00	£1.80	194	£15.00	£2.00	12	£20.00	£1.75
107	£24.00	£1.50	152	£15.00	£1.10	195	£15.00	£2.00	13	£20.00	£1.75
108	£36.00	£0.55	153	£45.00	£2.00	196	£15.00	£1.00	14	£20.00	£1.75
109	£35.00	£0.70	154	£15.00	£0.50	197	£20.00	£1.80	15	£20.00	£2.75
110	£24.00	£1.80	155	£15.00	£0.55	198	£11.50	£1.20	19	£40.00	£6.00
111	£29.00	£0.55	156	£15.00	£0.50	199	£17.50	£1.20	20	£47.50	£9.50
112	£28.00	£0.55	157	£15.00	£0.50	200	£15.00	£0.50			
113	£20.00	£2.50	158	£15.00	£0.50	201	£11.50	£1.00	SG51/2	1 1/2d	Plates
114	£115.00	£2.50	159	£15.00	£0.50	202	£15.00	£1.60	1	£100.00	£10.00
115	£36.00	£0.55	160	£17.50	£0.50	203	£11.50	£3.20	3	£85.00	£10.00

All the above are offered on 7 days approval against cash with order subject only to remaining unsold, and are all sound good used (Mint are mounted with gum). **REFUND** is guaranteed provided stamps are returned within 7 days (21 days for overseas clients). To all orders under £50 please add 75p to help with post and packing. (Overseas customers please add £2.00 to all orders regardless of value.)

**Reconstructors Wants Lists Welcomed!**

**GRAHAME W. MANN**  
 Dept. SM04, P.O. Box 116, LUDLOW, Shropshire, SY8 3WQ  
 Tel: 01584 891303 Mon.-Sat. (9.00am to 5.00pm)  
 E mail: stampmann@btinternet.com



# 86th

## SCOTTISH CONGRESS

Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth


Friday 17th April 2015  
10am - 5pm

Saturday 18th April 2015  
10am - 4pm

35 dealers in stamps, postcards  
& postal history


National and Junior Competitions  
Invited Displays - Junior Workshop - Meetings

**www.scottishphilately.co.uk**  
*Organised by The Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies*



# PHILANGLES LTD


## WE BUY STAMP COLLECTIONS




CALL NOW FOR A VALUATION

Our dedicated philatelists give expert opinions and  
an immediate offer for your collection.

Avoid expensive commissions and hassle. We always pay more.



**Philangles Ltd** | Carson House | 44 Legh Street  
 Warrington | Cheshire | WA1 1UJ  
[www.philangles.co.uk](http://www.philangles.co.uk)  
 01925 231151 or email [philangles@btinternet.com](mailto:philangles@btinternet.com)





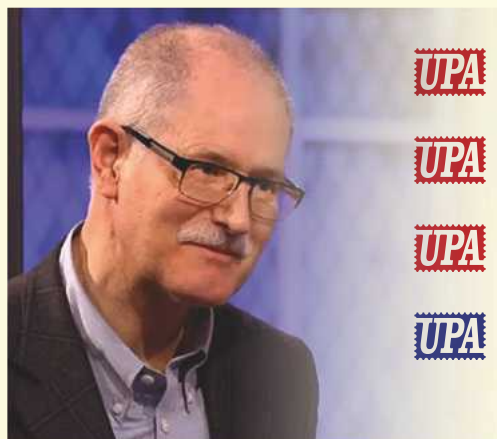
# **FAIR Warning: This £55 FREE Stamps of Your Choice Offer Closes 14th April 2015...**

## **Could There Really Be a Secret Stamp Source?**

By Andrew McGavin, Director U P A

Where Do Y O U go to get *Massive Philatelic Choice* without running the internet gauntlet?

Where Do 2,031 different Collectors (and some dealers) FIND stamps of their choice each quarter at affordable auction prices with ...



**NO Pernicious Buyer's Premium**



**Unique Reducing Estimate System**




**PLUS ALL lots Guaranteed ?**






**Why not take my £55 OFFER?**


## **What Do they Know that YOU don't know?**

They know that at my auction  they receive **VAL-YOU**. Plus extraordinary service. Combine that with **Massive Philatelic Choice**.

They have 22,459 different lots to choose from. Unlike public auctions they have an 88% chance of winning lots they want.

Unlike some other auctions they know that even if they make a mistake they take **NO RISK with our No Quibble  Guarantee...**

**...So Why Don't YOU Join them and TEST  free of charge?** We're here to serve you long-term which is why – I'll Give **YOU** £55 So YOU Can TEST  FREE of Charge and Totally RISK-FREE...

But – just maybe you're still not sure? So, please just take a look at the unsolicited on line testimonials on the final 33rd page of this auction preview – then DON'T Delay another moment - to get you started– You need to REQUEST YOUR next 300 Page  Auction Catalogue worth **£15 NOW. It's FREE to 1st time and regular bidders. Please Turn to my £55 Coupon Page – Do it Now** ➡

**REQUEST YOUR  
FREE 310 PAGE  
CATALOGUE  
NOW!**



All  
Lots

SAL

PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

1958

Total  
Guarantee



57TH  
POST  
BID  
SALE

THERE ARE MANY  
**POSTAL AUCTIONS**  
but NONE like this...



**£1,713,909 worth, 22,495 lots  
will be sold at YOUR price!**



**No BUYER'S PREMIUM**



5171

Discover the

*Difference*

UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

Philately

*Understood*

**CLOSING DATE:  
5PM TUESDAY  
14TH APRIL 2015**

**ALL LOTS - 100% NO-QUIBBLE - GUARANTEED**

CATALOGUE £15

**Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**



Plate 4



**UPA Auction Preview: 3,715 colour photos, 22,495 lots, 1kg catalogue FREE, Prices Realised published after auction closes PLUS FREE £55 1st time offer...**

**£55 Offer Closes 14th April – it's so easy to Start NOW at coupon page**

**Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**



*“Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous introductory offer, what a pleasure to win that elusive gap in my collection for such a tiny sum! I look forward to your next catalogue, they are a work of art in themselves.*

*I’m certain you shall be receiving more substantial cheques from me in the future! Kind wishes, E. E. Scotland*

# Your £55 Introductory Offer 22,495 lots to choose from! You Qualify If ...

You qualify if you’re a collector aged over 18 and live in the UK, Western Europe, USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and have never purchased from UPA auctions before. Request Your Next free UPA Mail-Auction Catalogue (worth GBP £15 ) mailed **TODAY:**

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) [info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)

Universal Philatelic Auctions, UPA (SM15/4), 4, The Old Coalyard, West End,  
Northleach, Glos GL54 3HE, United Kingdom

Telephone: 01451 861111, Fax: 01451 861297

– send the coupon / simply request in any way today!–

**OR VIEW / BID ON-LINE NOW – we’ll take your £55 off**

<p><b>Do it today</b></p>  <p><b>Request Your Free Catalogue</b></p>	<p><b>NEW CLIENTS</b></p> <p>Name .....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Postcode..... Tel .....</p> <p>Country.....</p> <p>email.....</p> <p>SM15/4</p>
---	--

Returning UPA client? Not purchased for 12 months: £26 deducted if you spend more than £52, mention offer when requesting catalogue





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System



# Time-Dated £55 Offer

## Closes 14th April 2015

This is My Promise to You ... *“Massive Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering VAL-YOU, with Absolutely NO Buyer’s Premium and PLUS ALL Lots Guaranteed”*



Andrew McGavin, Managing Director Universal Philatelic Auctions

As a New UPA client in the 57th auction, £55 will be deducted from your invoice. That is £55 taken OFF any of the stamps illustrated that you win or any other of the 22,495 lots offered. You benefit from simply **Massive Choice**

1. If you win less than £55 worth your winning stamps will be sent **FREE of Charge** and any credit carried over for you to deploy in the following auction
2. Because UPA has **NO Buyer’s Premium** regular bidders at UPA can save £250+ each year against bidding at conventional auctions with those punishing buyer’s premiums – **some collector colleagues Save £1,000’s Each Year**
3. Unlike other auctions **ALL lots are Guaranteed** – even if you make a mistake when bidding
4. Collectors benefit from the UPA **Unique Reducing Estimate System** now celebrating almost 15 years – if a lot does not sell we will increasingly reduce it in subsequent auctions till it does ... and, unlike other auctions we tell you how many times it has been unsold

Because collectors tend to stay with UPA we can make you this offer

← Test UPA - Choose from 22,495 lots →





3324



3307



3306



3326



3288



3243



3282



339



3346



3308



3338



331



3269



3268



3333



3327



3334



3349



3368



3373



3371



3374



3363



3372



3359



3369



3360



3365



3366



3358



3362



3361



3381



3383



3390

**UPA** "Massive Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering VAL-YOU,"  
with Absolutely NO Buyer's Premium PLUS ALL Lots Guaranteed" & Free £55 Offer...

More FREE INFO than most Stamp Catalogues - Order Yours NOW

Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





**Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**



*“Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous introductory offer, what a pleasure to win that elusive gap in my collection for such a tiny sum! I look forward to your next catalogue, they are a work of art in themselves.*

*I’m certain you shall be receiving more substantial cheques from me in the future! Kind wishes, E. E. Scotland*

# Your £55 Introductory Offer 22,495 lots to choose from! You Qualify If ...

You qualify if you’re a collector aged over 18 and live in the UK, Western Europe, USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and have never purchased from UPA auctions before. Request Your Next free UPA Mail-Auction Catalogue (worth GBP £15 ) mailed **TODAY:**

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)   [info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)

Universal Philatelic Auctions, UPA (SM15/4), 4, The Old Coalyard, West End,  
Northleach, Glos GL54 3HE, United Kingdom

Telephone: 01451 861111, Fax: 01451 861297

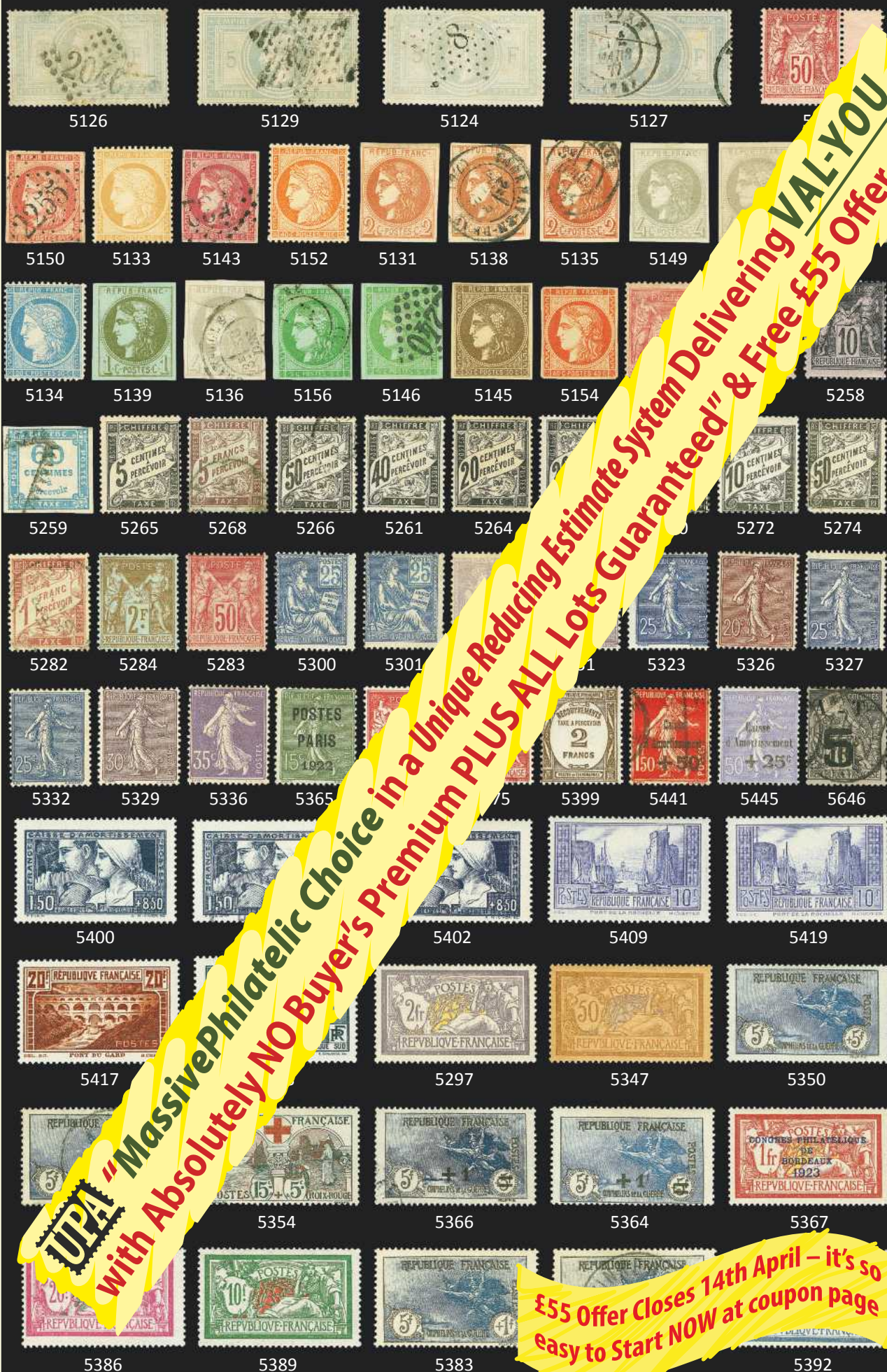
– send the coupon / simply request in any way today!–

**OR VIEW / BID ON-LINE NOW – we’ll take your £55 off**

<p><b>Do it today</b></p>  <p><b>Request Your Free Catalogue</b></p>	<p><b>NEW CLIENTS</b></p> <p>Name .....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Postcode..... Tel .....</p> <p>Country.....</p> <p>email.....</p> <p>SM15/4</p>
---	---

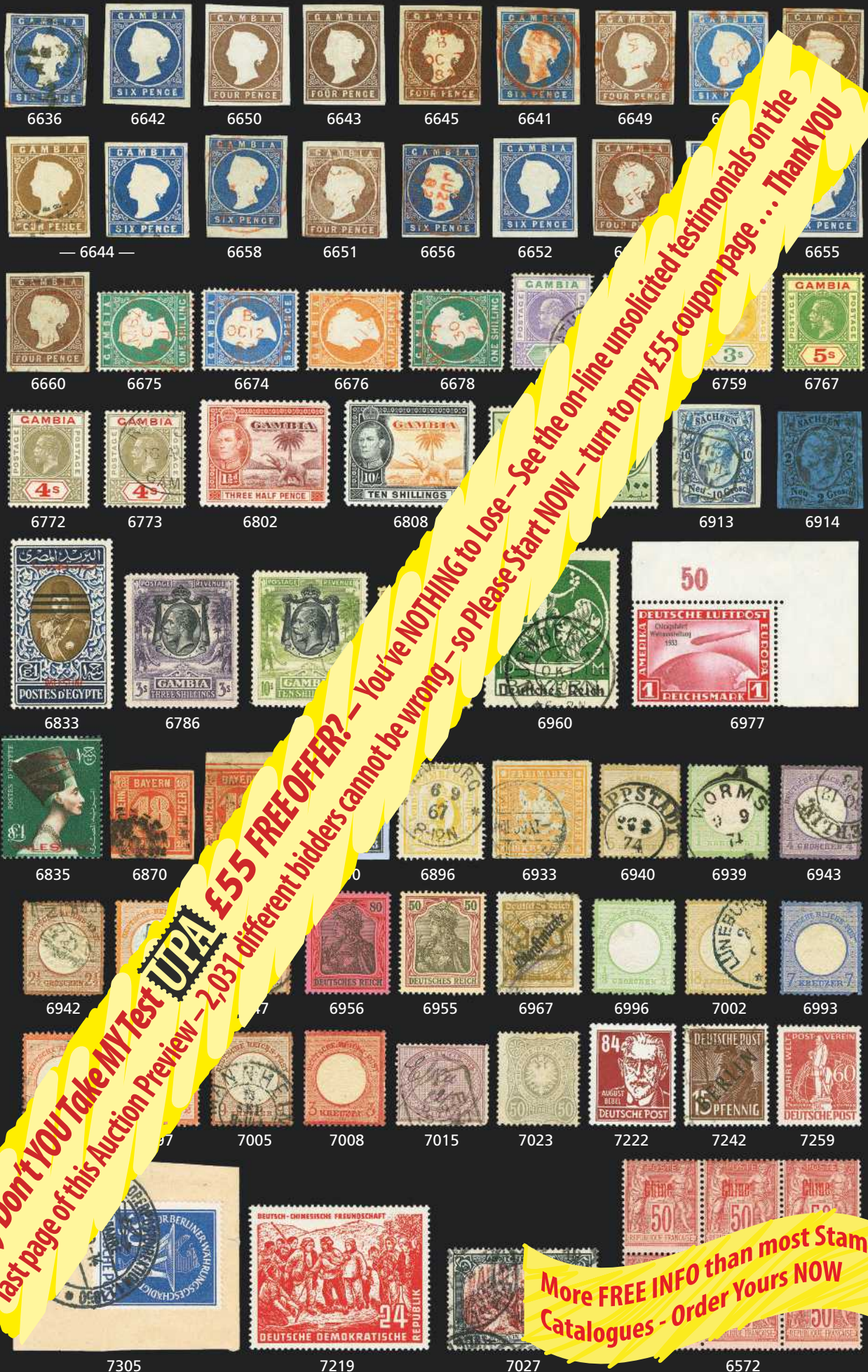
Returning UPA client? Not purchased for 12 months: £26 deducted if you spend more than £52, mention offer when requesting catalogue





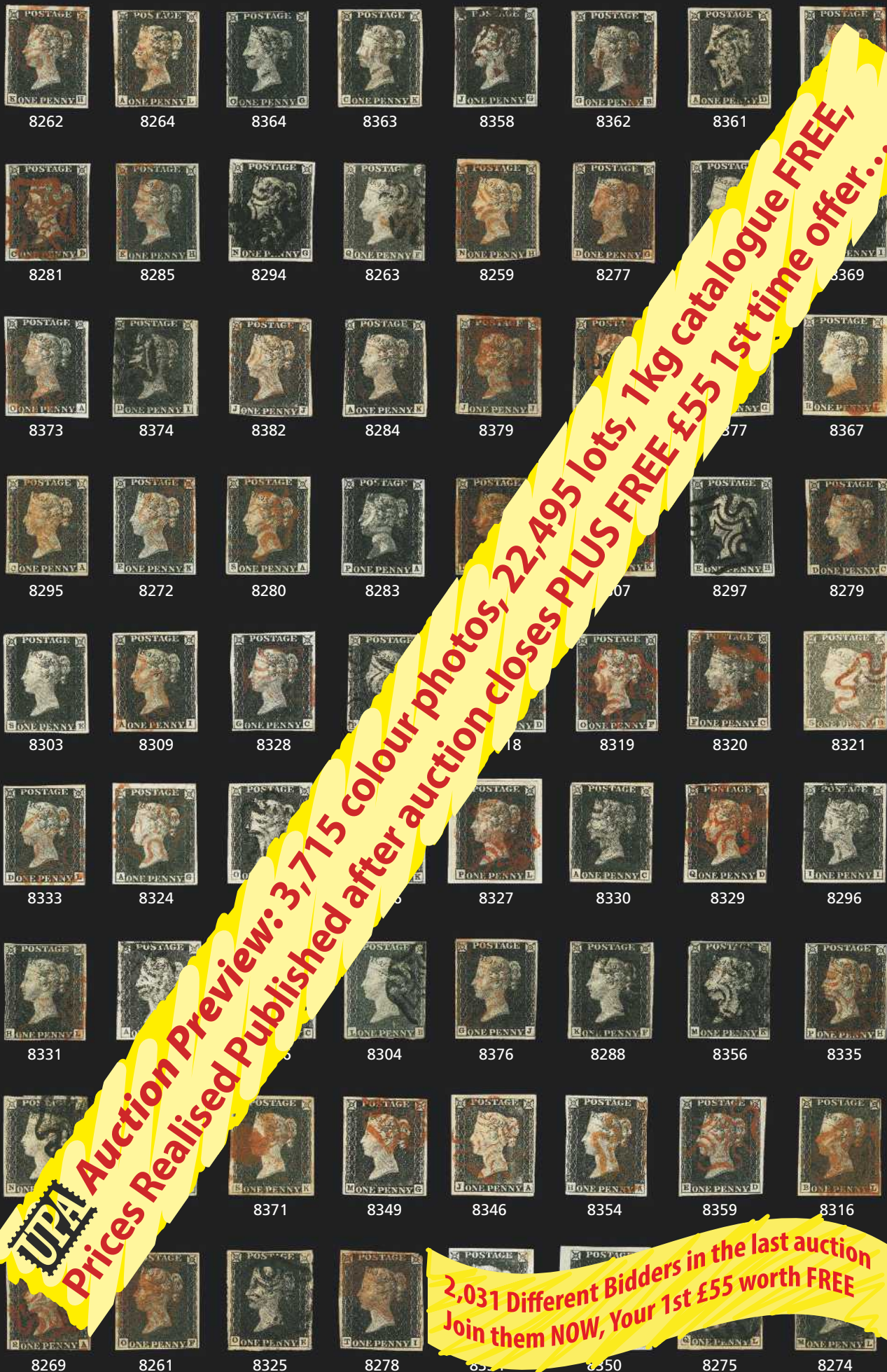
Massive Philatelic Choice - 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System



Because UPA has NO Punishing Buyer's Premium regular bidders save £250+ a year...  
some collector colleagues save literally thousands

**£55 FREE offer closes 14<sup>th</sup> April, Start NOW**

Because UPA presents Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots – unlike other auctions 88% of bidders are successful...

**£55 FREE offer closes 14<sup>th</sup> April, Start NOW**

Because All lots are Guaranteed – even if you make a mistake you are not penalised...

**£55 FREE offer closes 14<sup>th</sup> April, Start NOW**

Because collectors (collectors are Colleagues at U P A) tend to stay with U P A we can offer New Clients **£55 OFF** to Test U P A...

**£55 FREE offer closes 14<sup>th</sup> April, Start NOW**

You'll be joining 2,031 discerning bidders in the last auction benefiting from an 88% success rate and the Unique UPA Reducing Estimate System PLUS:

1. No Extras
2. No Buyer's Premium
3. All lots Guaranteed... and
4. Simply MASSIVE Philatelic Choice

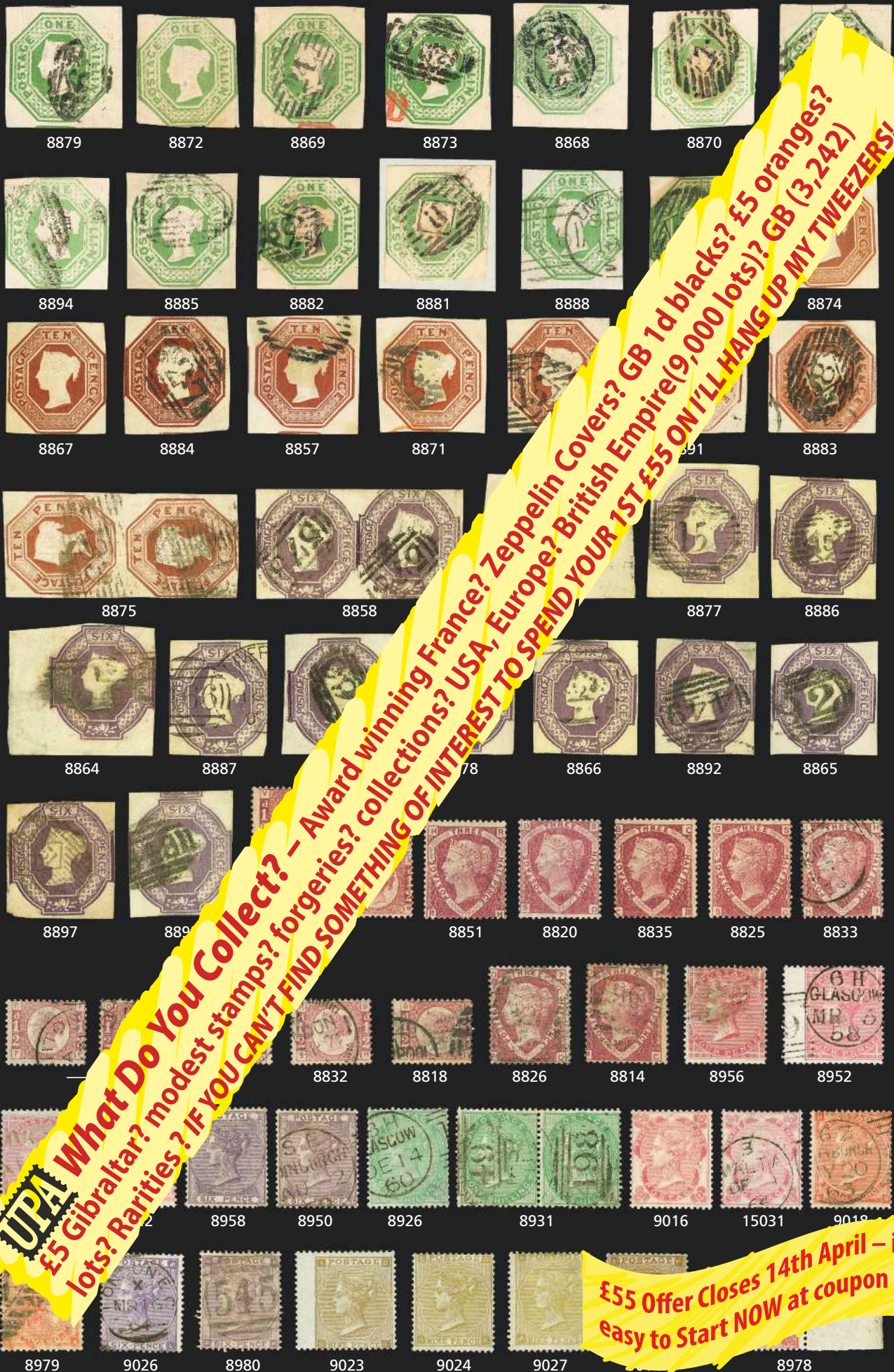
**Start NOW – Turn to any £55 FREE coupon page**





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





9230



9250



9238



9206



9649



9605



9673



9635



9613



9659



9605



9671



9662



9657



9666



9660



9602



9663



9650



9682



9601



9654



9661



9655



9644



9623



9589



9678



22046



22029



9211



9242



9231



9702



9704



9701

**U.P.A. "Massive Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering VAL-YOU, with Absolutely NO Buyer's Premium PLUS ALL Lots Guaranteed" & Free £55 Offer...**

**More FREE INFO than most Stamp Catalogues - Order Yours NOW**

**Massive Philatelic Choice - 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**



# Time-Dated £55 Offer

## Closes 14th April 2015

This is My Promise to You ... *“Massive Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering VAL-YOU, with Absolutely NO Buyer’s Premium and PLUS ALL Lots Guaranteed”*



Andrew McGavin, Managing Director Universal Philatelic Auctions

As a New UPA client in the 57th auction, £55 will be deducted from your invoice. That is £55 taken OFF any of the stamps illustrated that you win or any other of the 22,495 lots offered. You benefit from simply **Massive Choice**

1. If you win less than £55 worth your winning stamps will be sent **FREE of Charge** and any credit carried over for you to deploy in the following auction
2. Because UPA has **NO Buyer’s Premium** regular bidders at UPA can save £250+ each year against bidding at conventional auctions with those punishing buyer’s premiums – **some collector colleagues Save £1,000’s Each Year**
3. Unlike other auctions **ALL lots are Guaranteed** – even if you make a mistake when bidding
4. Collectors benefit from the UPA **Unique Reducing Estimate System** now celebrating almost 15 years – if a lot does not sell we will increasingly reduce it in subsequent auctions till it does ... and, unlike other auctions we tell you how many times it has been unsold

Because collectors tend to stay with UPA we can make you this offer

← Test UPA - Choose from 22,495 lots →



Plate 31



9239



9205



9227



9228



8901



9699



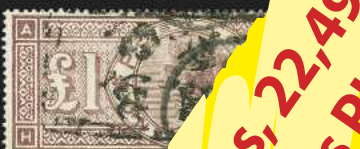
9782



9784



9779



9703



9706



9708



9705



9780



9695



9707



9707



9700



9697



9793



9797



9798

**UPA Auction Preview: 3,715 colour photos, 22,495 lots, 1kg catalogue FREE, Prices Realised published after auction closes PLUS FREE £55 1st time offer...**

**2,031 Different Bidders in the last auction  
Join them NOW, Your 1st £55 worth FREE**

**Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**





9794



9792



9789



9795



9786



9796



9788



9563



9564



9550



9541



9648



9684



9582



9656



9691



9588



9679



9586



9680



9594



9599



9645



9580



9658



9647



9646



9651



9630



9476



9470



9760



9763



9765



9716



9771



9742



9762



9744



9731



9761



9772



9722



9723



9723



9728



10929



10989



10967



10948



10959



10949



10995



10964

**UPA** Serious Collector? Track the market. Spot trends using the Unique UPA Reducing-Estimate System. Take my £55 Escape the Buyer's Premium trap...

Read the Testimonials on the last page of this Auction Preview, then join now

...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System



*“Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous introductory offer, what a pleasure to win that elusive gap in my collection for such a tiny sum! I look forward to your next catalogue, they are a work of art in themselves.*

*I’m certain you shall be receiving more substantial cheques from me in the future! Kind wishes, E. E. Scotland*

# Your £55 Introductory Offer 22,495 lots to choose from! You Qualify If ...

You qualify if you’re a collector aged over 18 and live in the UK, Western Europe, USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and have never purchased from UPA auctions before. Request Your Next free UPA Mail-Auction Catalogue (worth GBP £15 ) mailed **TODAY:**

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)    [info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)

Universal Philatelic Auctions, UPA (SM15/4), 4, The Old Coalyard, West End,  
Northleach, Glos GL54 3HE, United Kingdom

Telephone: 01451 861111, Fax: 01451 861297

– send the coupon / simply request in any way today!–

**OR VIEW / BID ON-LINE NOW – we’ll take your £55 off**

<p><b>Do it today</b></p>  <p><b>Request Your Free Catalogue</b></p>	<p><b>NEW CLIENTS</b></p> <p>Name .....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Postcode..... Tel .....</p> <p>Country.....</p> <p>email.....</p> <p>SM15/4</p>
---	---

Returning UPA client? Not purchased for 12 months: £26 deducted if you spend more than £52, mention offer when requesting catalogue





22079



22074



22094



10125



22093



10128



10119



10132



10628



22099



22101



22100



10702



— 10714 —



— 10703 —



22087



10269



10272



8336



9359



10607



10194



10630



10735



10607



8900



9947

**UPA Auction Preview: 3,715 colour photos, 22,495 lots, 1kg catalogue FREE, Prices Realised Published after auction closes PLUS FREE £55 1st time offer...**

**More FREE INFO than most Stamp Catalogues - Order Yours NOW**

**Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System**





...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
 ...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**





**UPA** "Massive Philatelic Choice in a Unique Reducing Estimate System Delivering VAL-YOU, with Absolutely NO Buyer's Premium PLUS ALL Lots Guaranteed" & Free £55 Offer...

Read the Testimonials on the last page of this Auction Preview, then join now

Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System



*“Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous introductory offer, what a pleasure to win that elusive gap in my collection for such a tiny sum! I look forward to your next catalogue, they are a work of art in themselves.*

*I’m certain you shall be receiving more substantial cheques from me in the future! Kind wishes, E. E. Scotland*

# Your **UPA** £55 Introductory Offer 22,495 lots to choose from! You Qualify If ...

You qualify if you’re a collector aged over 18 and live in the UK, Western Europe, USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and have never purchased from UPA auctions before. Request Your Next free UPA Mail-Auction Catalogue (worth GBP £15 ) mailed **TODAY:**

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)    [info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)

Universal Philatelic Auctions, UPA (SM15/4), 4, The Old Coalyard, West End,  
Northleach, Glos GL54 3HE, United Kingdom

Telephone: 01451 861111, Fax: 01451 861297

– send the coupon / simply request in any way today!–

**OR VIEW / BID ON-LINE NOW – we’ll take your £55 off**

<b>Do it today</b>  <b>Request Your Free Catalogue</b>	<b>NEW CLIENTS</b> <div><div></div><div>Name .....</div><div>Address.....</div><div>.....</div><div>Postcode..... Tel .....</div><div>Country.....</div><div>email.....</div></div> <div>SM15/4</div>
---	---

Returning UPA client? Not purchased for 12 months: £26 deducted if you spend more than £52, mention offer when requesting catalogue





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





12406



13316



13063



13574



13544



13544



13609



13624



13542



13574



13563



13838



13812



13632



13638



13638



13682



13713



13817



13820



13820



13841



13837



13847



13831



13820



13863



13658



13660



13675



13675



14004



13739



14003



13976



13762



13762



...delivering **VAL-YOU** with **NO Buyer's Premium**  
...and absolutely ALL 22,495 lots **Guaranteed**

**UPA Serious Collector? Track the market. Spot trends using the Unique UPA Reducing-Estimate System. Take my £55 Escape the Buyer's Premium trap...**

**2,031 Different Bidders in the last auction  
Join them NOW, Your 1st £55 worth FREE**





Massive Philatelic Choice – 22,495 lots  
...in a Unique Reducing Estimate System





If YOU think my **£55 OFF**  
your 1st Winnings is a Gimmick  
please think again ....

Independent On-line Testimonials may be viewed on-line at STAMPBOARDS.com ... Topic thread: **Anyone dealt with Universal Philatelic Auctions, UK?**

- 1 "My dealings with UPA have been quick and pleasant. I especially liked the £55 discount, which I wrongly thought was some kind of gimmick. That was a nice little gift."
- 2 "Just had my first dealings with UPA this month. Absolutely delighted. Won some lovely items at decent prices (no rip off premium), got 55 quid discount as a first time bidder, and they let me pay up in instalments. Definitely the most user friendly auction experience I've come across so far."
- 3 "I've been bidding in UPA's auctions almost for nearly 10 years now, never had a problem. As they've grown larger (both in number of lots sold and number of bidders in each auction) the time taken to process each auction has grown, but I've always received any purchases within 10 days of the close."
- 4 "I'll chip in here as well and say they are a decent firm. Not only is their £55 discount off your first order a decent one (I know someone who got a great stamp almost for free in the last auction) but they also have a 'no quibble' guarantee. When I won something last year that wasn't as described it was refunded immediately."

“ **Massive Philatelic Choice Guaranteed PLUS £55 OFF** Your 1st Winnings simply complete the convenient coupon overleaf or contact **UPA** in any way **TODAY**. Please Do it NOW so you can take my **£55 OFF** offer while you are thinking about it. You've nothing to lose and at least £55 worth stamps of Your choice to gain ... ”

**so please Start by requesting YOUR free catalogue NOW**



# Life on the edge

Getting mail to and from the British Isles' most far-flung communities was always a challenge, and often relied as much on luck as on judgement

□ Report by John Wright

**T**he far-flung outposts inhabited by small communities around Britain and Ireland have their own folklore surrounding the difficult art of staying in touch with the world from which they were largely cut off, especially in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

In some cases, breaching the gaps in the established mail delivery routes was a case of braving the hazardous seas by boat when weather conditions allowed. In others, more ingenious solutions had to be devised.

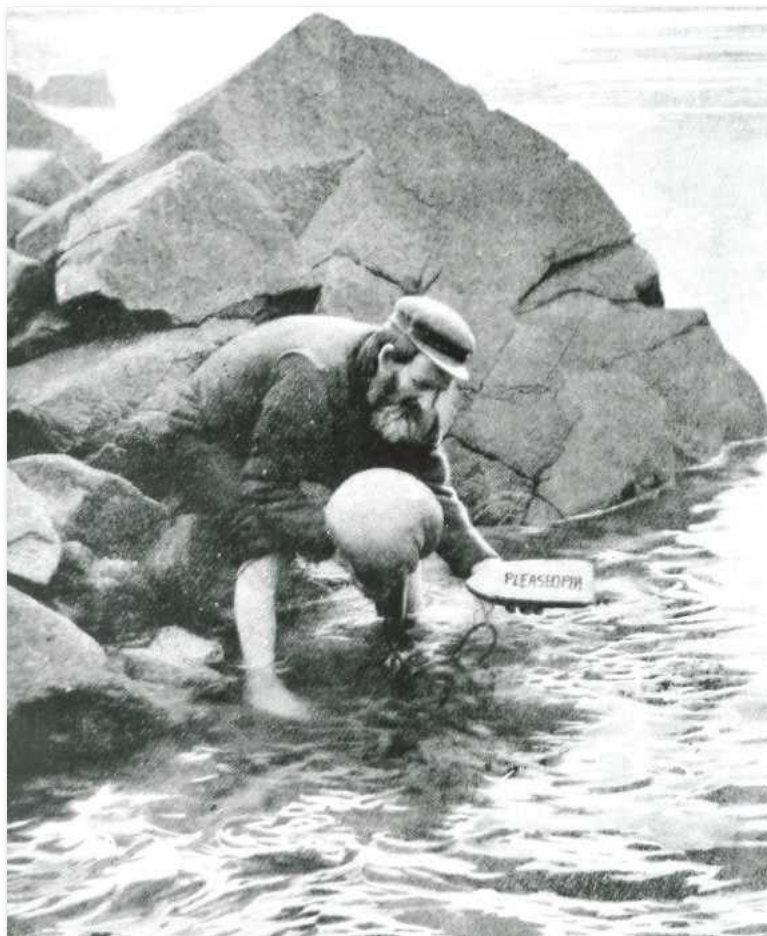
## Marooned in the Atlantic

It could be mistaken for a speck of dust on your map or computer screen, but St Kilda is very real, a remote and windswept archipelago in the North Atlantic, 40 miles west of the Outer Hebrides.

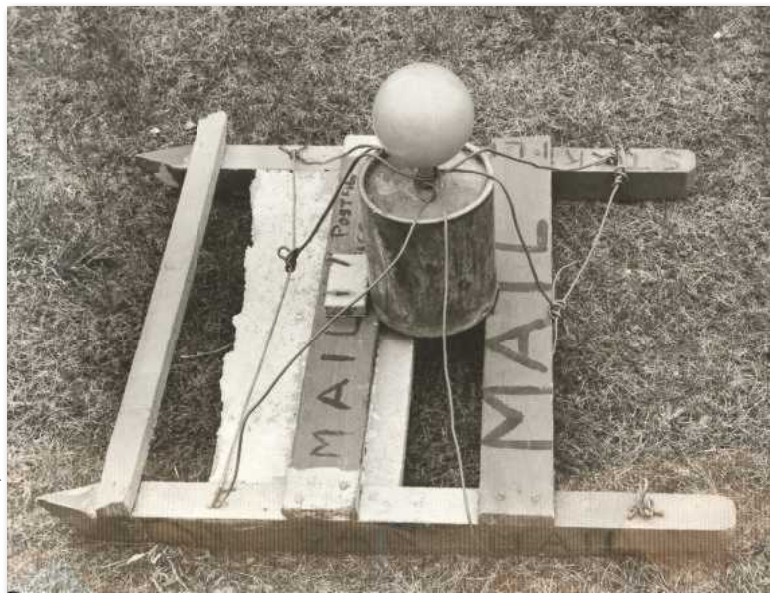
Perhaps not surprisingly, its small community of fishermen, sheep farmers and peat-cutters found that the postal reforms of the 19th century passed them by, and they were scarcely in contact with the outside world. Boats called only in the summer months.

It took an outsider to devise a

**RIGHT:** A St Kilda resident launching a 'St Kilda mailboat' in the early 20th century, with 'Please open' instructions to its finder in the hope of onward delivery



**BELOW:** Two types of 'St Kilda mailboat', one a wooden raft with letters enclosed in a tin on the top, and the other using a sheepskin bladder for buoyancy







*'St Kilda's outgoing mail consisted of a message placed in a tin, attached to a sheepskin bladder and cast adrift into the North Atlantic'*

solution to this isolation. John Sands, a visiting journalist from East Lothian who had been dropped off by a gunboat in 1876 to study island life and was not expecting to be picked up until eight months later, helped the locals to rescue Austrian sailors from the shipwrecked *Peti Dubrovacki*, and then wondered how

they could call for help.

He attached a small sail and a message in a bottle to one of the ship's lifebuoys and cast it adrift into the sea on January 30, 1877, according to one contemporary writer, 'in the hope of its reaching some civilised portion of the kingdom'.

With the Gulf Stream working in its favour, this contraption drifted over 200 miles to the Orkney Islands. Someone found it and forwarded it to a Lloyd's shipping agent in Stromness, where it arrived, astonishingly, on February 8. Two weeks later a rescue ship was dispatched to St Kilda.

#### The 'St Kilda mailboat'

Sands' invention, nicknamed the 'St Kilda mailboat', soon became the

ABOVE: 'Noddies' were the high-wheeled horse-drawn traps which carried mail across the marked causeway from Beal to Holy Island in Northumberland

accepted method of posting mail to Great Britain during the harsh winter months, albeit with some design tweaks.

Typically the message, housed in a small bottle or tin, would be attached to a crude wooden raft, or a bladder made of sheepskin and a piece of wood fashioned into the shape of a boat, inscribed with 'St Kilda Mail' and a request for the finder to open it and forward it.

In 1906, London's illustrated weekly newspaper *The Sketch* reported on the way that outgoing letters were routinely placed 'in a waterproof, buoyant case and cast upon the waters'.

Launched in a northwesterly wind, 'four packages out of six' were said to have reached their destination, albeit occasionally via Norway!

Richard Kearton, the naturalist and co-author of the classic photography book *With Nature & A Camera*, who had enjoyed a spell on St Kilda photographing its wildlife but had since returned to Great Britain, recorded that he had three letters sent to him in this manner in 1900, as an experiment to see if they would reach him. They did, after being picked up by a shepherd on the coast of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides and duly forwarded.

'Soaked with sea water, they still retained a delightful aroma of peat smoke when they reached my hands,' wrote Kearton, 'reminding me forcibly of my stay on the island.'

Sadly, the end of the 'St Kilda mailboat' came in 1930, when the

## MAIL BUCKET

To cross the River Findhorn at Shenachie in rural Inverness-shire, postmen once had to use the unusual 'bucket bridge'.

This involved climbing a ladder onto a wooden podium with their mailbag, sitting in a rudimentary wooden box and pulling on the cables to haul themselves slowly across what was sometimes a placid stream and sometimes a raging torrent.

This contraption was used by postmen and postwomen from four generations of the same family until the 1960s, the last of them being Jane Niven, who carried special gloves for the purpose.

It is still used by fishermen.





© MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSES



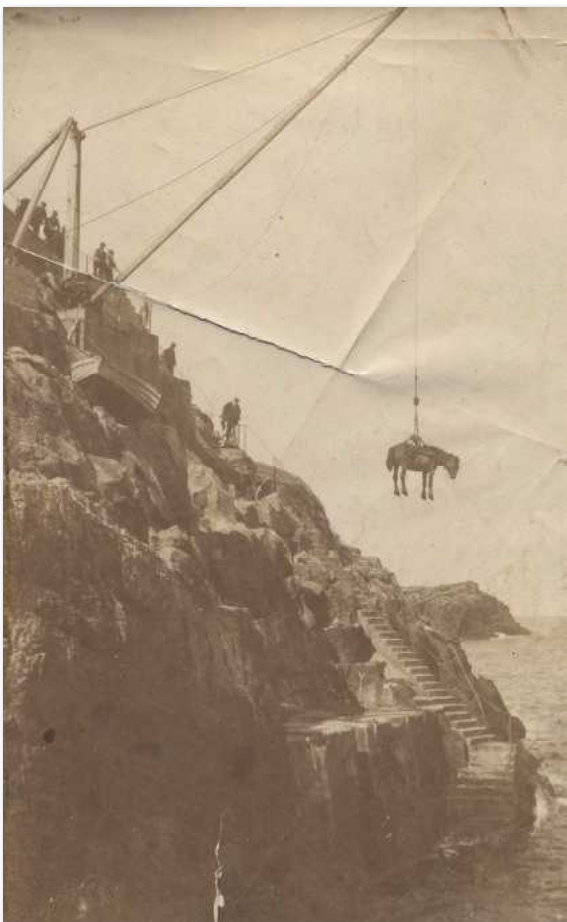
ABOVE: A yellow and black warning flag used by lighthouse keepers to signal to mail boats that landing was unsafe

© COURTESY OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSE BOARD



LEFT: Semaphore signalling to an incoming supply boat from the lighthouse on Skerryvore, a remote reef west of the Isle of Mull

© COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSES



ABOVE: Early 20th century photograph illustrating the difficulties of transferring mail and supplies (including horses!) at the landing stage of the Flannan Isles lighthouse in the Outer Hebrides



© COURTESY OF MAYBERRY KAYACKING

ABOVE: South Bishop Rock off Pembrokeshire was one of Britain's many manned lighthouses whose mail and supplies were delivered intermittently by boat when conditions allowed

*'Some of the most awkward inhabited buildings requiring postal deliveries have been lighthouses, especially those built on isolated rocks offshore'*

last 36 members of its dwindling population were evacuated to the mainland.

## Inshore islands

Some small islands can be less off-the-beaten track than city slickers might imagine. A survey by the *Guardian* newspaper in 2009 found that the 67 inhabitants of Eigg, one of the Small Isles in the Inner Hebrides, were getting a better postal delivery service than people living in London!

A local postman confirmed to us that letters sent within Britain usually arrive on the island within two days, despite having to make part of the journey by ferry.

Of course, some islands are smaller than others, and so are their mail boats. Post for the 670-acre Ramsey Island, an RSPB reserve off St David's in Pembrokeshire, is transported to a local farmhouse by a farmer from the mainland in a 17ft (5.2m) aluminium motorboat built by his son.

'It's just over a mile and takes me 10 minutes,' says Derek Rees, adding that he also carries the islanders' groceries, and sometimes takes sheep across to graze on the island.

Asked about any problems he's experienced with these maritime deliveries, Derek bravely unburdens himself. 'Six months ago I inadvertently left three letters in my son's bag of diving equipment and

forgot all about them. A few days ago he found them, and I delivered them. Unfortunately in the interim the sender had informed the addressee by phone of a change in his banking arrangements, so the arrival of the letter confused everything.'

But at least the use of a boat beats delivering mail to an island in a horse and cart. Letters used to be carried from Beal to Holy Island, off Northumberland, in horse-drawn traps known to the locals as 'noddies'.

The August 1938 issue of the *Post Office Magazine* had a photograph of one of these, showing how it had unusually high wheels, allowing it to venture into shallow water. It was guided across the causeway which became exposed at low tide by a series of poles marking the safe route.

## Offshore rocks

Some of the most awkward inhabited buildings requiring postal deliveries have been lighthouses, especially those built on isolated rocks offshore. In the late 20th century many were served by helicopter, and since 1998 they have all been automated, but in earlier times getting provisions and letters to them could be a complex and hazardous operation.

When pilot boats arrived with supplies and mail, often they would anchor some distance away and lower



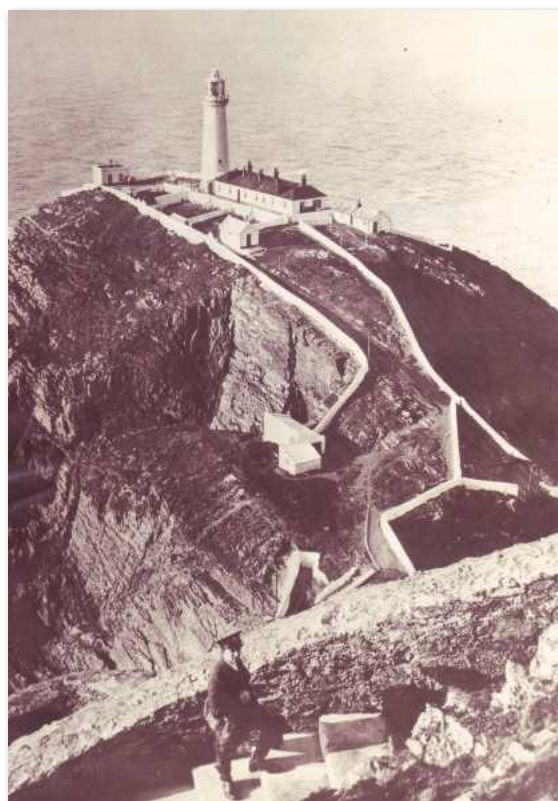
a rowing boat to come ashore. The lighthouse would fly warning flags: a white flag with black cross to signal that a landing was safe, or a yellow and black flag to indicate that it wasn't, due to low tide or adverse weather or currents.

Communication could also be made by semaphore flags or morse lamps. The *Lighthouse Signal Code Book* listed dozens of possible messages, including '2QZ' which means 'Bring letters, telegrams or newspapers to landing.'

The lighthouse on the Flannan Isles, 20 miles west of the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, is so remote that its crew of three keepers famously disappeared without trace in December 1900. A hint as to what probably happened came in 1911, during a changeover of keepers at the tricky landing stage at the foot of a cliff, when, according to the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, 'the men were almost swept away with all the baggage when unexpectedly overwhelmed by the sea.'

On that occasion nothing more than a mailbag was lost, but this brought a rebuke from the Secretary to the Northern Lighthouse Board, stating that 'the mailbag should be kept in a place of undoubted safety until taken charge of by the keeper coming ashore'. That's easy to say from behind a comfortable desk.

The resourcefulness of lighthouse keepers was legendary, and Gerald



© COURTESY OF TIM HARRISON, EDITOR, LIGHTHOUSE DIGEST (USA)

Butler, who is descended from a long line of keepers in Ireland, recalls the way his family speeded up their postal communications.

'When he joined his lightship, my grandfather would take homing pigeons with him, and send them home to my father in Wexford town with notes attached. Later, when my brother and I were going to school, we used to release pigeons with notes

**ABOVE:** The postman delivering mail to the South Stack lighthouse off Anglesey, along its 403-step access path

for my father at the Galley Head lighthouse in West Cork.'

## Lighthouse memoirs

Recorded by the lighthouse authority Trinity House, the memories of Aurelie Trezise, the daughter of one lighthouse keeper and later the wife of another, hint at the recurrent difficulties of communication in the early 20th century.

As a 17-year-old she was living with her family in a mainland lighthouse, at Hartland Point in north Devon, which was hassle enough. Fetching supplies and mail involved a five-mile walk to the local village and then a 13-mile bus ride to Bideford.

As a 21-year-old newly-wed in 1925, life became more stressful as her husband Cyril was sent to South Bishop Island, a bare rock a few miles out into the Irish Sea from Ramsey Island, with no other residents besides the three lighthouse keepers. 'I had to visit the other wives...to collect letters and parcels for their husbands,' Aurelie wrote. These were intermittently delivered by boat, but through a rough winter Aurelie saw Cyril for only 17 days in five months.

She was excited to hear that he was being transferred to a lighthouse where she could live with him, until she discovered that it was Flatholm, an island in the Bristol Channel. A boatman was supposed to visit them weekly from Cardiff with provisions and mail, but another harsh winter meant there was no sign of him from November 16 to January 22. Not only did they receive no Christmas cards, but their food was running out.

The trapped families were about to send up a distress flare when they finally saw a vessel struggling through the waves towards them. 'You can imagine how it did our eyes good to see all the provisions, parcels and mail,' Aurelie wrote.

## Toughest post round

Lighthouses didn't have to be out at sea to be difficult to deliver to. Perhaps the most awe-inspiring post round ever was the one which included the 403 steps down to the South Stack lighthouse off Holyhead in Anglesey, and of course the same 403 back up.

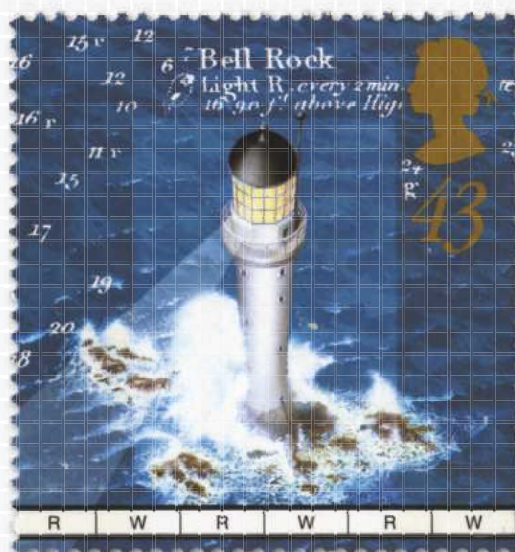
Postman R G Rees did this six days a week for six years, which amounts to more than one and half million steps. When asked about this, he said he could see nothing noteworthy about it. □

## SAVED BY THE POSTIE

In 1807, during the building of Bell Rock lighthouse, 11 miles east of the Firth of Tay in the North Sea, the lives of a 32-man construction party were saved by a postman.

The building's base was submerged at high tide (it is the world's oldest surviving sea-washed lighthouse), and the men working on the reef at low tide, who included the legendary lighthouse designer, Robert Stevenson, saw the biggest of their three boats break free from its mooring and drift three miles away.

They had only two eight-man boats left, and what saved them, according to a report in the *Scots Magazine*, was 'the timely arrival of James Spink, the Bell Rock pilot, carrying letters from Arbroath'.



**ABOVE:** Bell Rock Lighthouse, constructed on an offshore reef in the North Sea, depicted on a Great Britain stamp issued in 1998





*Are pleased to offer: .....*



## GREAT BRITAIN Queen Victoria Only



An excellent selection of used stamps, all in clean, sound, collectable condition. All different including visible plate numbers, watermarks and listed shades (where applicable)

SG catalogue value at least £500	-	£49.50
SG catalogue value at least £1000	-	£95.00
SG catalogue value at least £2000	-	£175

*As above, but may contain some slight duplication*

SG catalogue value at least £5000	-	£395
-----------------------------------	---	------

SG catalogue value at least £10,000	-	£750
-------------------------------------	---	------

## IRELAND

Charity mixture On Paper direct from Convent.

Will contain good proportion of Commems and Post & Go-850g £25

Post & Go Labels On Paper – Now coming into catalogues.

Good range in values and types 850g £15

### PACKET COLLECTIONS

(Off Paper except possible s/a's – All Different)

300 different - £20 500 different - £35 1000 different - £170

### COMMEMS / LARGE ONLY

200 different - £14 300 different - £30 500 different - £70

### MAGICAL MIXTURES – off paper

**WHOLE WORLD:** Based on auction & charity supplied lots plus our own surpluses, this very wide ranging mix works out at about 3 for a penny. You should find high cat values and fill a load of gaps. **225g - £16 425g - £30**

**BRITISH EMPIRE:** Small & large mint & used from early Empire to modern. You could find anything from A – Z and with good cat. Report to magazine or to us if you do. Works out at an amazing ½ p ea. stamp or less. **225g - £22 425g - £40**

**W. EUROPE:** All large pictorial mix with huge variety. Supplies limited **225g £65**

*Note: A 225g purchase of all 3 of the above can be had for just £95*

**BRITISH AFRICA:** Supplied by a charity org. without RSA and with excellent variety **225g - £30 425g - £55**

**BRITISH EMPIRE:** A Super mix of only Commems & large. Mostly modern & loaded with Thematics. Just about anything in here regardless of cat. **225g - £45**

**GREAT BRITAIN:** Charity mix of Small & Large—excellent **425g - £14**

**\*\*\*BRITISH EMPIRE:** Victoria to Geo VI (they don't make it now!) This excellent mix is accumulated from our own surpluses, bin ends, stripped collections and other bits & pieces that we don't have time to sort. Limited supplies and again sold by weight. **Approx. 2000 to 100g - £55 and 4000 to 225 - £125**

Below is a representative selection of Country Packet Collections from our very comprehensive Price List (sent free on request) of approximately 2000 items. All stamps are **OFF PAPER** except possibly some very modern self-adhesives:-

Aden - 150 diff - £30.00	Bahamas - 100 diff - £14.00
Barbados - 200 diff - £22.50	Cayman - 100 diff - £15.00
Dominica - 200 diff - £20.00	East Africa - 500 diff - £28.00
Gibraltar - 100 diff - £17.00	Jamaica - 200 diff - £20.00
Kenya/KUT - 200 diff - £17.00	Lesotho - 200 diff - £30.00
Malaysia - 500 diff - £33.00	Newfoundland - 50 diff - £20.00
Pakistan - 500 diff - £28.00	Rhodesia - 100 diff - £10.00
St. Helena - 100 diff - £19.00	South Africa - 500 diff - £12.00
Tonga - 100 diff - £25.00	Uganda - 100 diff - £11.00
Virgin Islands - 100 diff - £18.00	Zambia - 100 diff - £10.00

### OVERSEAS MIXTURE (All from Charities)

*Mostly On Paper – from around the Globe*

A fantastic variety and absolutely loaded with better values. You are sure to find something new! **425 gr (1lb) - £28.00**

All orders over £10 include post/VAT for UK. Elsewhere postage is extra. Orders are usually dispatched within 48 hours of receipt. Our list sent with your order or is FREE on request.

TERMS: Cash with order. No quibble refund guarantee on all items returned promptly and in good order. We accept cheques (payable to MRM) P.O.'s, cash, credit cards (Visa, Access, & Mastercard). Please advise the address at which the card is registered, along with the security code on the reverse. Your daytime tel. no. and/or e-mail address is appreciated



Dept. 21  
PO Box 160 -Shaftesbury - Dorset – SP7 7AY – UK

Tel & Fax: + 44(0)1747 853 566

e-mail [mudders@btconnect.com](mailto:mudders@btconnect.com)



# COURT PHILATELICS

We are interested in buying any of your surplus stamps on or off paper for payment or exchange. Price list free on request. Guaranteed full refund if not satisfied. UK customers pay no postage (overseas add £2.50 for all collections, mixtures: £2.50 / ¼ lb, £3.50 / ½ lb and £4.50 / 1lb). There are no credit card charges and no VAT payable. (½ lb = 225g, 1 lb = 450g)

### GREAT BRITAIN ON AND OFF PAPER MIXTURES

Buy 1lb GB Commems, 1lb GB H.V. Defins,  
2 lbs GB Regionals & 18 kgs GB Defins for £120.00, list price £135.00

**GB COMMEMS NO XMAS.** Wide ranging on paper mix includes h.v's & modern up to 2014.  
½ lb £16.00, 1 lb £30.00.

**GB HIGH VALUE DEFINS.** On paper, mostly from registered & recorded mail so good cancellations and a clean mix, includes modern issues which will become very rare with all the white labels used on mail. ½ lb £18.00, 1 lb £35.00.

**GB REGIONALS.** (On paper). A wealth of variety from all four regions, find those elusive band/perf varieties very cheaply. Over 7000 – 8000 stamps/ 2lbs 1 lb £11.00, 2 lbs £20.00.

**GREAT BRITAIN DEFINITIVES.** An 18 kg sack of On paper which is bound to contain much post-mark interest, possibly Regionals, High Values, much Phosphor, paper and perf varieties. Sorted and delivered only by charity institutions. (Delivered to your door, post paid inland). Only £50.00

**GB MULTIPLE ISSUES.** Try to keep up with the recent multiple issues. Increasing variety, right up to the latest 2014 Sustainable Fish, Buckingham Palace, Remarkable Lives, Children's T.V, 2013 Dinosaurs, Butterflies, Famous Britons, Football Heroes, Dr Who, Comics, Fashion, A-Z UK, Olympics etc. Try and complete those difficult sets. 1/4 lb £23.00, ½ lb £42.00.

**GB SPECIAL CHARITY MIX.** A well balanced on paper Charity mix covering Defins, Commems, H.Value Commems, H.Value Defins, Pre-decimal, Wildings & Pre QEII. Covers all periods. 1 lb £12.00, 2 lbs £22.00.

**GB MODERN COMMEMS NO XMAS ONLY.** While Stocks Last! This sells for a small fortune on auction sights as they are so hard to find these days, we can supply very small amounts. Mostly 2012/2014 issues only with the odd high value. Limited range as so modern but very sought after. 2 oz £11.00.

**GB HIGH VALUE COMMEMS.** While stocks last. A rarity! This on paper mixture will contain clippings from registered mail making it very clean with neat cancellations (much modern up to very scarce 124 issues). ¼ lb £52.00, ½ lb £98.00.

**GREAT BRITAIN** Off paper mixture. The tedious washing of this modern mix has been done for you already by charity supporters! There are over 500 basic machines to collect. One of each in good nick can cost over £500.00. We can't guarantee all in there but you'll have great fun sorting, includes commems, h.v commems & defins, worth the price on their own. Guaranteed totally unpicked. At least 10,000 stamps / 1 lb. 1 lb £16.50, 2 lbs £30.00.

**EBAY** Sales: Check out our offers on rudd3325. Many items listed are not in our usual list.

Many modern and rarer mixes that are in a limited supply, we list on Ebay such as our very popular GB Charity in sealed packets, GB H.V Commems, Post & Go Labels, High Value Regionals, 2013 Commems and H.V. Machines. Have a look on rudd3325. We have listed some below if you want to buy them now:

GB 2012 Commems Set: Used on paper £4.00.

GB A-Z UK complete set A-Z Part 1 & 2. Used on paper £10.00.

GB Fashion Complete Set: Used on paper £4.

GB 2012 Britons of Distinction Complete Set: Used on paper £4.

GB 2013 Famous Britons Used on paper £4.00.

GB 2013 Football Heroes Used on paper £5.00.

GB 2013 Doctor Who set of 12 Used on paper £5.00.

GB 2013 Butterfly Complete set: Used on paper £4.00.

GB 2013 Dinosaurs Complete Set: Used on paper £4.00.

GB 2014 Children's TV Used on paper £5.00.

GB 2014 Remarkable Lives Used on paper £5.00.

GB 2014 Buckingham Palace complete set of 6: Used on paper £3.00.

GB 2014 Sustainable Fish complete set: Used on paper £5.00.

GB Olympics complete set of all 29 Gold Medal winners, individual stamps. Used on paper. £21.00.

**POST & GO LABELS:** All 1st class sets of 6 used on paper. Sheep £4, Pigs £4, Cows £4, Freshwater Fish Part 1 £4, Freshwater Fish Part 2 £4.00, Freshwater Fish Part 3 £4.00, Flowers Part 1 £4, Flowers Part 2 £5. Buy the lot, 6 sets for £28.00. List price £33.

### FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH ON PAPER MIXTURES.

**10% Discount for all on paper mixes below!**

**OVERSEAS FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH CHARITY MIXTURE.** With over 120 Charity sources in this country it is not surprising that this is the ultimate mixture of Foreign & Commonwealth stamps essentially on paper. Enormous variety and mostly modern as it is collected from offices on a day to day basis. Many h. values as many are Air mail values and a lot will never be seen in approval books! 1 lb £30.00, 2 lbs £55.00, 5 lbs £125.00.

Buy 1lb of four for the discounted price of £62.00, list price £70.00 **AUSTRALIA.** On paper charity with dream variety and high values, high count. We have regular supplies so should include very modern issues – excellent. Approx. 2500 stamps/ 1 lb. 1lb £16.00, 2lbs £30.00.

**CANADA.** A very colourful mixture from Canadian Save the Children Fund, containing a some Commems, Large Pictorials and High Values. 1 lb £18.00, 2 lbs £34.00.

**NEW ZEALAND.** On Paper charity mixture with commems and higher values includes difficult to find modern Commems. Supplied to us exclusively by a N.Z Charity. Approx. 2500 stamps / 1lb. ½ lb £11.00, 1 lb £20.00.

**U.S.A.** An on paper mission mixture with stupendous variety. There can't be many mixtures so attractive and with such good count. Approx count 3500 to 4000 stamps. 1lb £16.00, 2lbs £30.00.

Buy 1 lb World, 1 lb British Commonwealth and 1 lb W. Europe Scoop for the discounted price of £130.00, List price £141.00.

**WORLD SCOOP.** An Off paper mix scooped from our oddments tub. Emanating from Charities, Auctions, personal collections etc. You will find high Cat (please tell us when you do it) & many additions for your collection. Each 1 lb lot is over 7000 stamps, costing around ½ p each. ½ lb £18.00, 1 lb £35.00, 5 lbs £155.00.

**WEST EUROPE SCOOP.** An Off paper mixture of small and large stamps with much earlier material. Many better and unusual values. In great demand as our interests in the EEC grow. Approx. 10,000 stamps to 1 lb costing around ½ p each. Price ½ lb £26.00, 1 lb £51.00.

**BRITISH COMMONWEALTH SCOOP.** Off paper mixture covering old Empire & modern Commonwealth. Several clients found stamps cataloguing £10 to £50 each. No promises but with at least 7,000 stamps/1lb you'll have great fun sorting. ½ lb £31.00, 1 lb £60.00.

**WE ACCEPT: CHEQUES, POSTAL ORDERS, ALL MAJOR CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS - advise expiry date and security code. PAYPAL [courtphilatelics@aol.com](mailto:courtphilatelics@aol.com). NO MINIMUM ORDER.**

## COURT PHILATELICS

Dept SM, P.O Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 9XT.

TEL: 01296 662420 • E-mail: [courtphilatelics@aol.com](mailto:courtphilatelics@aol.com)



# Stanley Gibbons Auctions

*Welcome consignments for future Auctions,  
be it single items or complete collections.*



*If you are looking to sell your collection then come to  
Stanley Gibbons Auctions where:*

*Outstanding realisations and percentage of lots sold*

*Mailing list and client list second to none*

*Stanley Gibbons Auctions is perfect for sellers and buyers alike.*

*We promise a service second to none.*

Please contact Ryan Epps [repps@stanleygibbons.com](mailto:repps@stanleygibbons.com)  
or Steve Matthews [smatthews@stanleygibbons.com](mailto:smatthews@stanleygibbons.com) or call 020 7836 8444



Est 1856  
**STANLEY  
GIBBONS**  
*Auctions*

**Stanley Gibbons Limited**  
399 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX  
+44 (0)20 7836 8444  
[www.stanleygibbons.com](http://www.stanleygibbons.com)



# IAN LASOK-SMITH (PHILATELIST)

Dealer in Fine and Rare Postage Stamps of Great Britain

[gbphilately.co.uk](http://gbphilately.co.uk) [GB-StampAuctions.com](http://GB-StampAuctions.com) [GBand EmpireStamps.co.uk](http://GBand EmpireStamps.co.uk)

## Introducing new and updated websites launched January 2015

[GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk](http://GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk)

Through this website that offers **both auction and fixed price selling options** I operate a number of stores specialising in various aspects of Great Britain & Commonwealth Philately.

### Current stores:

**Machin Stamps:** Devoted exclusively to the Machin issue and related material. Specialised single stamps, cylinder blocks, booklets, errors & varieties..... There is an emphasis on providing interesting specialised items with pricing of many items at less than £1. The listings cater for those who use the Stanley Gibbons Specialised Volumes 3 & 4 and the Machin Collectors Club catalogue.

**GB Stamps:** This store is devoted exclusively to fine and superb used stamps of all reigns. All listings are illustrated with actual item for sale. The items offered will appeal to the more discerning collector whether specialist or with more general interests.

**GB Philately:** This store lists items across all reigns. As well as offering more general items for the more discerning collector there is an emphasis on providing specialised items, suited to those who use the Stanley Gibbons Specialised Vol. 1 – 5 or the Stoneham Catalogue. As with the **Machin Stamps** store there will be interesting specialised items listed for under £1 and many such items priced at under £5.

### ALL Collectors can sell through [GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk](http://GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk)

All those who register (FREE) with the site can not only purchase material from the site but can also utilise **all the selling facilities** to promote and sell their own material either at fixed price or by auction. My stores described above are created using **only** facilities and features on the site available to **ALL** who are registered.

There are useful guides in the “About Us” and “Help” sections to aid those interested create their own stores. All the facilities including professional invoicing and ability to take secure online payments are FREE. The only fees levied are those on successful sales. These fees are quite negligible and current details are in the “Site Fees” section.

[GB-StampAuctions.com](http://GB-StampAuctions.com)

Online auction all aspects of GB Philately with items of interest to discerning general collectors and the specialists.

Items listed weekly with bidding open for 7 – 10 days. All items illustrated. Secure online payments.

No Buyers Premium. No surcharge for card or Paypal payments.

## IAN LASOK-SMITH (PHILATELIST)

6 Hough Green, Chester, CH4 8JG

Email: [enquiries@gbphilately.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gbphilately.co.uk)

[www.gbphilately.co.uk](http://www.gbphilately.co.uk) [www.GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk](http://www.GBandEmpireStamps.co.uk) [www.GB-StampAuctions.com](http://www.GB-StampAuctions.com)

STRICTLY ONLINE AND POSTAL ONLY. NO RETAIL PREMISES.





# Thrace against time

Dedeagatz existed in the borderlands disputed by Turks, Greeks and Bulgarians. Perversely, its only catalogued stamps, in the period 1893-1914, were French

□ Report by Adrian Keppel

France operated several dozen post offices in the Ottoman Empire between 1779 and 1923, but only a small handful of these ever issued their own stamps. One such was Dedeagatz (Dedeagac), a fishing port in Thrace, on the northern shore of the Aegean Sea.

Opened in 1874, it initially used French stamps. From 1885, they were surcharged in the local currency, the piastre. But the big development came in 1893, when stamps were introduced especially for Dedeagatz.

The first issue consisted of a set of seven, comprising the Peace & Commerce designs then current in France with a 'Dédéagh' overprint. The lower values of 5c, 10c and 15c did not require a surcharge, while those of 25c, 50c, 1f and 2f were surcharged 1pi, 2pi, 4pi and 8pi respectively.

These stamps remained in use for nearly a decade, with only one variety catalogued: a double overprint on the 10c black on lilac, issued in 1900.

In 1902 the series was replaced with Blanc, Mouchon and Merson key-types with the same values, but now 'Dédéagh' was inscribed as part of the design. Only the higher values needed any overprint, for the surcharge in piastres.

This set lasted more than a decade. Again, it has only one catalogued



ABOVE: Dedeagatz 1902-series 8pi on 2f lilac and yellow, the top value issued for use by the town's French post office



LEFT: Greek 10l overprint on a 10s stamp of Bulgaria, issued during the short-lived occupation of Dedeagatz in 1913

printed with text only, stamped with a naval cachet reading 'Fleet of the Aegean' in Greek.

These issues can be found listed in specialised catalogues under Thrace.

The Treaty of Bucharest in August 1913 returned Dedeagatz briefly to Bulgaria, but after Bulgaria's defeat in World War I it was occupied by French forces until 1920, and then ceded to Greece. A plaque in the town's post office commemorates the ceremonial handover.

Dedeagatz was immediately renamed Alexandroupoli, after King Alexander I. Under this name, it is now the largest population centre in the Greek province of East Macedonia & Thrace. □

*'The most interesting part of a Dedeagatz collection begins where the catalogue ends'*

variety: a double overprint on the 2pi on 50c brown and lavender.

Everything changed when Thrace became a war zone. In 1912, during the First Balkan War, Bulgaria occupied the region. In 1913, during the Second Balkan War, it was in turn occupied by Greece. Shortly afterwards, in April 1914, the French closed their post office in Dedeagatz.

Although the town's catalogue

entry stops there, it could be argued that this is where the most interesting part of a Dedeagatz collection begins!

Greece overprinted a Bulgarian stamps with what translates as 'Greek Administration of Dedeagatz', a hastily prepared issue released just two days after the occupation in 1913 and had a small print run.

When stocks of these overprints ran low, a series of three provisional issues followed, comprising labels

## WHERE IN THE WORLD?





**Why not try our individually-prepared**

**£5**

**GB and BRITISH COMMONWEALTH QUALITY APPROVALS**

**PLUS Generous Discounts AND £5 Worth of Stamps FREE!**

*"The latest approvals you sent me, as ever they were excellent and I can't thank you enough for them."*

GREAT BRITAIN ☐ Channel Islands/IOM ☐

GENERAL BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ☐ Africa ☐ Asia ☐

Antarctica/Atlantics ☐ Australia ☐ Australian States ☐

British Europe ☐ British West Indies ☐ Canada ☐

India ☐ New Zealand ☐ Pacifics ☐

All Reigns ☐ QV ☐ EVII ☐ GV ☐ GVI ☐ QEII ☐

Mint ☐ Used ☐

OTHER GB/BC .....

Name..... Signature .....

Address .....

..... Tel No:.....

Reference appreciated .....

**BROOKVALE STAMPS** (UDPA)

196 Ivyfield Road,  
BIRMINGHAM B23 7HS  
Tel: 0121-382 5937

Email: bandc196@blueyonder.co.uk Postal only

**J R Niblett**  
Proprietor John Niblett OBE

**British Commonwealth**  
1902 to 1960s Specialising in reign of KG6

Good quality material

Reasonable prices

Prompt and personal service

Regular additions to stock

For a comprehensive printed list, giving details of my stock, please send a large stamped addressed envelope.

Lists are updated monthly and include details of full sets, short sets and many single items in mounted, unmounted or fine used condition.

Alternatively visit my web site at [www.niblettstamps.co.uk](http://www.niblettstamps.co.uk)

The Larches, 6a High Street,  
Pirton, Herts, SG5 3PS  
TEL: 01462 712170; FAX: 01462 711018  
email: [john@niblettstamps.co.uk](mailto:john@niblettstamps.co.uk)  
[www.niblettstamps.co.uk](http://www.niblettstamps.co.uk)

**GEORGE VI**

**The Specialist in George VI Approvals**  
**Our stock is enormous**  
**We can supply virtually anything you want**  
Simply tick the countries you want and return the coupon.  
Alternatively, phone or email for 15 days home viewing.

<input type="checkbox"/> ARAB EMPIRE -	<input type="checkbox"/> CEYLON	<input type="checkbox"/> MALAYA -	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPUA
<input type="checkbox"/> ADEN	<input type="checkbox"/> CYPRUS	<input type="checkbox"/> BMA	<input type="checkbox"/> RHODESIA -
<input type="checkbox"/> BAHRAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> EIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> STRAITS	<input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN
<input type="checkbox"/> MUSCAT	<input type="checkbox"/> FALKLAND IS	<input type="checkbox"/> SULTANS	<input type="checkbox"/> SOUTHERN
<input type="checkbox"/> MOROCCO	<input type="checkbox"/> DEPENDENCIES	<input type="checkbox"/> MALTA	<input type="checkbox"/> SARAWAK
<input type="checkbox"/> KUWAIT	<input type="checkbox"/> FIJI	<input type="checkbox"/> MAURITIUS	<input type="checkbox"/> SEYCHELLES
<input type="checkbox"/> ASCENSION	<input type="checkbox"/> GAMBIA	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW FOUNDLAND	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGAPORE
<input type="checkbox"/> AUSTRALIA	<input type="checkbox"/> GOLD COAST	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW GUINEA	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMALILAND
<input type="checkbox"/> BAHAWALPUR	<input type="checkbox"/> GIBRALTER	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW ZEALAND	<input type="checkbox"/> S.LEONE
<input type="checkbox"/> BASUTOLAND	<input type="checkbox"/> GREAT BRITAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> NIGERIA	<input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH AFRICA
<input type="checkbox"/> BECHUANALAND	<input type="checkbox"/> HONG KONG	<input type="checkbox"/> NORTH BORNEO	<input type="checkbox"/> SW AFRICA
<input type="checkbox"/> BRUNEI	<input type="checkbox"/> INDIA	<input type="checkbox"/> NYASALAND	<input type="checkbox"/> ST.HELENA
<input type="checkbox"/> BURMA	<input type="checkbox"/> INDIAN STATES	<input type="checkbox"/> PACIFIC ISLANDS	<input type="checkbox"/> WEST INDIES
<input type="checkbox"/> CANADA	<input type="checkbox"/> K.U.T	<input type="checkbox"/> PAKISTAN	<input type="checkbox"/> ZANZIBAR

OTHER COUNTRIES: .....

Name: ..... Prefer: ☐ Mint ☐ Used ☐ Either

Address: .....

Postcode ..... Tel (Home) ..... SM

**Michael G. Read**  
Poachers Retreat, Common Lane, Kings Langley,  
Herts, WD4 9HP Phone: 01923 269775  
e-mail: [mg.read@btinternet.com](mailto:mg.read@btinternet.com)  
Est. 1975 - 40 Years of Care and Attention  
Visit our new website [www.michaelgread.co.uk](http://www.michaelgread.co.uk)

**WORLDWIDE**  
13,000 items online, all with images and descriptions.  
Prompt, courteous service from Arizona.

<p><b>STAMPS</b> Sets &amp; Singles Fiscals EFOs Proofs - Specimens Certified Rarities</p>	<p><b>COVERS</b> Postal History Special Events Early Air Post Autographed FDCs Mourning</p>
<p><b>CATALOGUES</b> New &amp; Used Scott Michel Facit Higgins &amp; Gage</p>	<p><b>PHILATELIC LITERATURE</b> New and used References Monographs Studies</p>
<p><b>POST CARDS</b> PPCs Mint &amp; Postally Used Origins - Destinations Zieher La Poste</p>	<p><b>POSTAL STATIONERY</b> Mint and Used Postal Cards Envelopes Wrappers Aerogrammes</p>

**VARISELL STAMP BOUTIQUE**

[www.Varisell.com](http://www.Varisell.com)





If YOU think my **£55 OFF**  
your 1st Winnings is a Gimmick  
please think again ....

Independent On-line Testimonials may be viewed on-line at STAMPBOARDS.com ... Topic thread: **Anyone dealt with Universal Philatelic Auctions, UK?**

- 1 "My dealings with UPA have been quick and pleasant. I especially liked the £55 discount, which I wrongly thought was some kind of gimmick. That was a nice little gift."
- 2 "Just had my first dealings with UPA this month. Absolutely delighted. Won some lovely items at decent prices (no rip off premium), got 55 quid discount as a first time bidder, and they let me pay up in instalments. Definitely the most user friendly auction experience I've come across so far."
- 3 "I've been bidding in UPA's auctions almost for nearly 10 years now, never had a problem. As they've grown larger (both in number of lots sold and number of bidders in each auction) the time taken to process each auction has grown, but I've always received any purchases within 10 days of the close."
- 4 "I'll chip in here as well and say they are a decent firm. Not only is their £55 discount off your first order a decent one (I know someone who got a great stamp almost for free in the last auction) but they also have a 'no quibble' guarantee. When I won something last year that wasn't as described it was refunded immediately."

**“ Massive Philatelic Choice Guaranteed PLUS £55 OFF** Your 1st Winnings simply complete the convenient coupon overleaf or contact **UPA** in any way **TODAY** . Please Do it NOW so you can take my **£55 OFF** offer while you are thinking about it. You've nothing to lose and at least £55 worth stamps of Your choice to gain ... ”

**so please Start by requesting YOUR free catalogue NOW**



# Outsiders

The scariest thing human beings have done since climbing into spacecraft is climbing out of spacecraft. Extra-vehicular activities can be the basis for an amazing thematic collection



□ Report by Jeff Dugdale

It's a brave man who allows himself to be strapped to a fuel-filled rocket and blasted out of the Earth's atmosphere. But it's an even braver man who ventures outside his protective spacecraft, leaving himself separated from the cold, the radiation and the vacuum of space only by his spacesuit.

Today, spacewalks (known in space jargon as 'extra-vehicular activities') have become almost routine, and no longer make headlines. Yet the first EVAs were very much steps into the unknown; the very first, by a Soviet cosmonaut in the spring of 1965, nearly cost him his life.

The breakthrough was followed by many more incremental steps in the gradual process of learning to live and work in space. After a diversion to the Moon provided the ultimate extra-vehicular activity in 1969, equally astonishing achievements followed in Earth orbit.

The construction and maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope from 1990 and the International Space Station from 1999 would not have been possible without engineering work carried out by spacewalkers.

So how has the story of the EVA been chronicled philatelically?

## Soviet bravado

Appropriately, the very name of the first man to walk in space suggested the courage of a lion. He was the Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov, who claimed his place in history during the Voskhod 2 mission with an EVA lasting 12 minutes on March 18, 1965.

The experience nearly proved fatal. Leonov's air-filled spacesuit ballooned in the vacuum of space, so that his fingers and toes were not in contact with any part of it, and he had great difficulty in returning to the safety of the spacecraft.

He was supposed to enter feet-first, but, finding this impossible, he



ABOVE: American astronaut Bruce McCandless making the first untethered spacewalk with the aid of NASA's manned manoeuvring unit in February 1984

eventually dragged himself in head-first and just managed to shut the airlock so his fellow crewmember Pavel Belyayev could repressurise it and let him back inside.

## Fanciful philately

Unsurprisingly, Leonov appeared on a wide range of stamps celebrating the event and its subsequent anniversaries, although many of the designs were extremely fanciful.

The Soviet Union itself, which was always keen to conceal technical

details of its space programme, started the ball rolling by issuing a single 10k stamp the day afterwards which contained at least four crass misrepresentations: the shape of the Voskhod capsule was inaccurate, its wide open hatch showing the second cosmonaut inside suggested a depressurised spacecraft, and the notion that Leonov carried a handheld camera was false. Even the colour of the cosmonauts' spacesuits was incorrect.

The deception was compounded ▸



## SOVIET CELEBRATIONS



ABOVE: Soviet Union 10k commemorative stamp issued the day after the first ever spacewalk, by Alexei Leonov on March 18, 1965, inaccurately representing the Voskhod 2 spacecraft and various other technical details of the achievement



ABOVE: The technical inaccuracies were largely repeated in the 1r miniature sheet portraying the cosmonauts Leonov (right) and Pavel Belyayev in the border



ABOVE: Maximum card for the stamp depicting Leonov in the Soviet Union's second issue commemorating the flight, cancelled on the day of issue, May 23, 1965



ABOVE: A 10k stamp issued in 1977 showed Leonov floating above the Earth, but no spacecraft



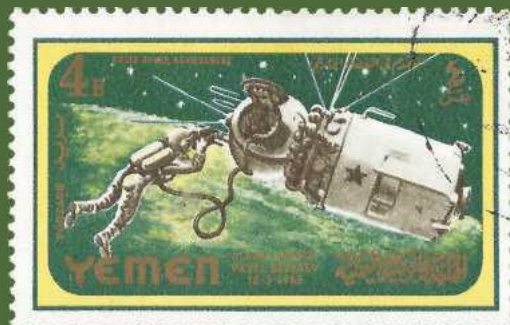
LEFT: The first accurate illustration of Voskhod 2, with the airlock tube extending from its crew capsule, came in the border of a 1980 miniature sheet designed by Leonov himself

*'The first extra-vehicular activity, by a Soviet cosmonaut in 1965, nearly cost him his life'*

## FOREIGN IMPRESSIONS



ABOVE: Czechoslovakia's commemorative issue of April 1965 made no attempt to illustrate Voskhod 2, while East Germany's stamp marking the cosmonauts' visit to Berlin in October carried a fanciful depiction



ABOVE: Yemen's issue of December 1965, purporting to show Leonov and Voskhod 2, actually shows a reasonable representation of Vostok, on which Voskhod was based, albeit without the airlock tube



ABOVE: A 2007 design from Australia offers one of the more accurate illustrations of the first spacewalk



# THEMATIC GUIDE: SPACEWALKS

on a 1r miniature sheet which repeated these errors, except that it showed no handheld camera.

Commemorative issues from Soviet satellite states inevitably depicted fantasy scenes too. For example, a stamp from East Germany, marking the cosmonauts' visit to Berlin in October 1965, showed the spacecraft with a similar thimble-and-collar design, based on a vehicle which had been displayed in a Red Square parade in the early 1960s.

Although the Soviet Union produced various anniversary stamps in the interim, including a second issue in 1965 portraying both Leonov and Belyayev, and more illustrations of Leonov spacewalking in the National Cosmonautics Day designs of 1967 and 1968, the equipment and the technique actually used in the first spacewalk were not revealed until as late as 1980, with the release of a miniature sheet designed by Leonov himself.

It shows a 6ft-long tube extending from the crew capsule of *Voskhod 2*, comprising a collapsible set of interconnected rubberised canvas cylinders with a hatch at each end for effecting an airlock, and a camera mounted on the top.

## American response

Of course, the United States was disappointed to be beaten in yet another aspect of the space race, with the Soviet Union having previously launched the first satellite and put the first man in space. However, it was not long before it emulated the feat: on June 3, 1965, during the *Gemini 4* mission, NASA astronaut Ed White floated in space for 20 minutes on the end of a 25ft tether.

This time there were few secrets about the nature of the spacewalk. The USA's se-tenant pair of stamps (not issued until September 1967, by which time White had perished in the *Apollo 1* launchpad fire) gave an accurate depiction of the spacecraft, as did other international issues showing Gemini with an open hatch.

Spacewalking remained a feature of subsequent Gemini missions, and in July 1966 Michael Collins 'walked' from *Gemini 10* to a dormant Agena rocket booster with which it had made a rendezvous, an event depicted on a 1970 stamp from Paraguay.

## Transfers and landings

In the Americans' later Gemini and the Soviets' early Soyuz missions, the

## GEMINI GEMS



ABOVE: USA 1967 se-tenant pair of 5c stamps illustrating Ed White's spacewalk from *Gemini 4*, giving an accurate depiction of the spacecraft with its open hatch



ABOVE: 1970 Paraguay stamp showing Michael Collins' 1966 EVA from *Gemini 10* to a rocket booster

## MOON & MORE



ABOVE: The 1969 Soviet spacewalk between the docked *Soyuz 4* and *Soyuz 5* was intended as a rehearsal for a Moon mission which never happened



ABOVE: A 1972 stamp from Equatorial Guinea records the first spacewalk made in deep space the year before, when *Apollo 15*'s Al Worden recovered film cassettes from cameras mounted on the outside of the command module on the way back from the Moon



ABOVE: The six Moon landings from *Apollo 11*, illustrated by the Maldives in 1969, to *Apollo 17*, illustrated by Mali in 1973, remain the only EVAs on solid ground



## ON STATION



ABOVE: People's Republic of Congo stamp showing the emergency US spacewalk in 1973 to repair a damaged solar panel on Skylab



### Spacewalk for Repair of Mir November 6, 1997



Mir's commander, Anatoly Solovyov, world's most experienced spacewalker, inspecting the damaged solar panel and Spektr science module after the unmanned Progress cargo ship collided with Mir in July, 1997.

ABOVE: Palau miniature sheet of 1997 illustrating repair work after collision damage to the USSR's Mir space station in 1997

LEFT: 1979 Soviet Union se-tenant pair commemorating two cosmonauts' 175-day stay on the Salyut 6 space station, and showing the tricky spacewalk made by Valery Ryumin to free a jammed antenna

by several astronauts from the Skylab 2 mission to repair it.

Similarly, when a large antenna became stuck at one docking port on the Soviet Union's Salyut 6 station in 1979, cosmonaut Valery Ryumin had to manoeuvre himself along the length of the complex to kick it free.

### Female firsts

Some 19 years after Leonov, the Soviets claimed another spacewalking first by deploying the first woman outside an orbiting craft.

Svetlana Savitskaya, who flew on the Soyuz T12 flight to the Salyut 7 space station in July 1984, was outside the capsule for three hours with a fellow crewmember, using a multipurpose tool to do the first welding operation in space in order to install a special camera.

Again, the Americans were just behind, as the first American woman to walk in space was Kathryn Sullivan, on Space Shuttle mission 41-G in October that same year. She also spent more than three hours outside, proving the feasibility of refuelling satellites in orbit.

### Satellite maintenance

Spacewalks were integral to Shuttle missions from 1981 until they were discontinued in 2011. In any crew of seven astronauts, two or three would typically be trained for EVAs.

Often their role was to help

*'The construction and maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station would not have been possible without spacewalking'*

purpose of spacewalks varied, from taking spectacular photographs unhindered by windows to recovering bits of spacecraft exposed to lengthy periods of radiation for analysis.

On one occasion, it even extended to transferring from one spacecraft to another. The January 1969 docking of Soyuz 4 with Soyuz 5, a rehearsal for what was intended to be a Soviet mission to the Moon, saw the first and only ever transfer of crew members from one craft to another by spacewalking.

After the Soviet Union abandoned its Moon programme, of course, July 1969 saw the first EVA on dry land on the lunar surface, with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin of Apollo 11 conducting experiments for just over two hours.

The lunar EVAs were incrementally extended by each of the following five two-man crews who landed on the Moon, and the Apollo 17 mission in 1972 saw Gene Cernan and Harrison

Schmitt spend more than 20 hours outside their landing module, not only tramping about but also driving a specially designed car, the lunar rover, to a distance of almost five miles away.

The command module pilots on the Apollo programme had none of the glory of walking on the Moon, but some of them were compensated with the opportunity to make a spacewalk on the way home, to take photographs or recover samples from the outside of the craft.

### Space station repairs

New uses for spacewalking emerged during the development of manned space stations by both sides in the space race.

The success of America's first orbiting laboratory, Skylab, was under threat soon after its launch in May 1973 when one of its solar panels failed to deploy after being damaged during lift-off. An emergency spacewalk was required

## VISION OF THE FUTURE

A 1985 stamp from Cuba painted a picture of what the future of spacewalking might look like, showing a team of astronauts building a huge circular space station.

Sharing the artistic credit in the inscription at the foot of the design is none other than the first spacewalker, Alexei Leonov, who in his later career as a space artist was the designer of several issues for the Soviet Union and Cuba.





launch new satellites which had been carried into orbit in the Shuttle's large payload bay. Sometimes maintenance work was required on existing satellites, or malfunctioning satellites needed to be recovered for repair on Earth.

A potentially big advance in the development of spacewalking was the Americans' creation of the manned manoeuvring unit (MMU), which for the first time permitted untethered spacewalks, thanks to a nitrogen-powered propulsion system which resembled a motorised armchair.

It gave rise to some spectacular photographs of astronauts floating well clear of their spacecraft, but it was retired after being used on three missions in 1984, as robotic manipulator arms appeared to be just as effective at recovering satellites, and safety upgrades would have been required following the *Challenger* Space Shuttle disaster of 1986.

Soviet cosmonauts used something similar, dubbed *Icarus*, but it was tethered and had limited range.

## Big projects

Two of mankind's greatest achievements in space would simply not have been possible without the

## FREE MOVEMENT



ABOVE: Stamps from the Marshall Islands in 1988 and the Soviet Union in 1990 showing the USA's manned manoeuvring unit and the USSR's similar *Icarus* system in use

## FLOATING FEMALES



ABOVE: Soviet Union 1985 stamp marking the first anniversary of the first spacewalk by a woman, Svetlana Savitskaya, in July 1984, and its first day postmark depicting the welding she undertook during her EVA



ABOVE: Guyana issue of 1990 portraying Kathryn Sullivan, America's first female spacewalker, later in 1984

## RUNNING REPAIRS



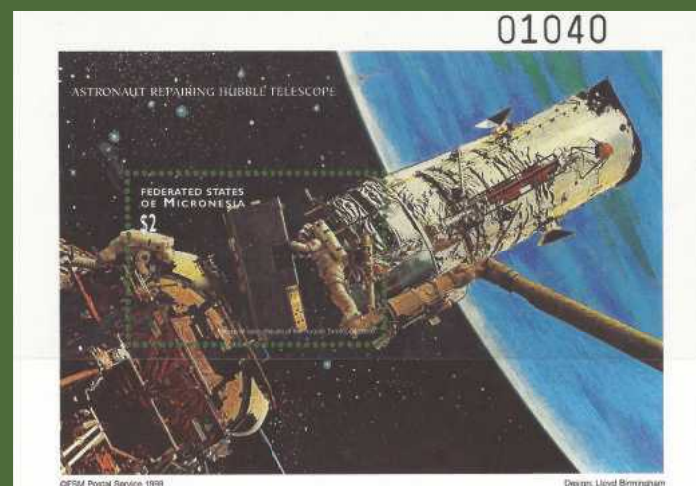
The repair of SOLAR MAX. Astronauts George D. Nelson, right, and James D. van Hoften use the mobile foot restraint and the Remote Manipulator System (RMS) for moving about.

ABOVE: Illustrated cover of 1984, with a Space Shuttle cancellation from Kennedy Space Center, commemorating the repair of the *Solar Max* satellite by means of a spacewalk



LEFT: One design in Ascension's 1988 set marking the tercentenary of Lloyds of London showed astronauts using the Space Shuttle's manipulator arm to recover a damaged satellite

BELOW: 1999 miniature sheet from Micronesia showing a spacewalking astronaut carrying out repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope in 1993





## CONSTRUCTION SITE



ABOVE: Issues from Ukraine in 2006 and Ascension in 2008 showing construction work in progress on the International Space Station, which necessitated many spacewalks



ABOVE: 2007 United Nations miniature sheet suggesting the way in which spacewalking became almost routine during the building of the ISS



ABOVE: Sweden maximum card of 2009 celebrating the country's first astronaut, and serial spacewalker, Christer Fuglesang, who helped to build the ISS on behalf of the European Space Agency

ability to make routine spacewalks.

Launched by the Space Shuttle *Discovery* in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was designed to be serviced in space by astronauts. Four subsequent Shuttle missions repaired, upgraded, and replaced systems on it, by means of multiple spacewalks,

with what was planned as a final servicing mission completed in 2009.

Having produced some of the most stunning photographs of the universe ever seen or dreamt of, the telescope is still operating, and could last until 2020.

The International Space Station,

the largest artificial body in orbit round the Earth, could only be constructed in a modular way, with components flown up separately over a period of more than a decade starting in 1998. These docked automatically, but much construction and maintenance work was necessary by resident and visiting crewmembers, and this frequently required spacewalks.

The STS-116 mission of December 2006 was especially noteworthy in that it saw three spacewalks conducted by an astronaut of the European Space Agency, Christer Fuglesang from Sweden, becoming the leading exponent of the art from outside the USA or Russia.

### Enter China

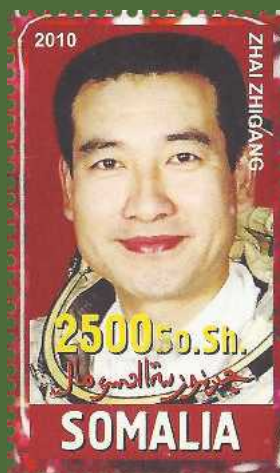
Having first put a man in space in 2003, China carried out its first spacewalk on its third manned mission, when Zhai Zhigang emerged from the *Shenzhou 7* orbital module on September 27, 2008.

During a 20-minute excursion, he retrieved experiments from outside the craft and waved a Chinese flag for the live television broadcast. □

## CHINESE WHISPER



ABOVE: China's first spacewalk, by Zhai Zhigang in 2008, was celebrated by way of a label se-tenant with a definitive stamp, a special cancellation and a pictorial cachet



ABOVE: Zhai was portrayed on a 2010 stamp issued by Somalia



# PUBLIC AUCTIONS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Thursday 23rd April  
Britannia Hotel, Newcastle Airport

## POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE WORLD

This sale includes a wide variety of interesting and unusual material with individual collections offered intact, specialised ranges, better singles or sets and postal history.

Consignments include 166 lots of Australian States - Victoria  
*Ex John Barwis Collection*

KGVI Collection missing only three stamps, virtually all UM  
Great Britain including over 250 lots of 1d Blacks mainly on cover



View online @ [www.corbitts.com](http://www.corbitts.com)



5 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1YE  
Tel: 0191 232 7268 Fax: 0191 261 4130  
Email: [info@corbitts.com](mailto:info@corbitts.com) Website: [www.corbitts.com](http://www.corbitts.com)

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR  
A COMPLIMENTARY CATALOGUE



# Thursday 23rd April Britannia Hotel, Newcastle Airport



View online @ [www.corbitts.com](http://www.corbitts.com)



5 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1YE  
Tel: 0191 232 7268 Fax: 0191 261 4130  
Email: [info@corbitts.com](mailto:info@corbitts.com) Website: [www.corbitts.com](http://www.corbitts.com)

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR  
A COMPLIMENTARY CATALOGUE



# hawid.co.uk

there's no better way

HAWID strips are 210mm (8 1/4 inch) long.

All mm sizes in the list refer to the size of the stamp.

The mount is 4mm larger giving a frame of 2mm each side.

**Order form** Please indicate black or clear ☒

CUT TO SIZE for Great Britain Stamps		£2.35			
Size mm	Packs of 50	Black	Clear	Quantity	Price
21x24	Definitives	6014	7014		
41x24	Commems - horizontal	6017	7017		
24x41	Commems - vertical	6060	7060		
44x27	High Values - 1955 - 1963	6030	7030		
30x35	High Values - Machin	63035	73035		
CUT TO SIZE for Great Britain Stamps		£3.50			
Size mm	Packs of 50	Black	Clear	Quantity	Price
41x30	Paintings etc	6101	7101		
30x41	Commems - 1970 onwards	6113	7113		
35x35	New 'Square' Commems	6109	7109		
35x37	New 'Square' Commems	63537	73537		
37x35	New 'Square' Commems	63735	73735		
STRIPS 210mm		£6.15			
Ht mm	Packets of 25	Black	Clear	Quantity	Price
21	Very small stamps	1021	2021		
24	Definitive Commems	1024	2024		
26	USA Canada Commems	1026	2026		
27.5	1955 - 1963 High Values	1027	2027		
29	Jersey-Guernsey	1029	2029		
30	Modern GB Commems	1030	2030		
31	Jersey High Values	1031	2031		
33	Misc Foreign Issues	1033	2033		
STRIPS 210mm		£7.85			
Ht mm	Packets of 25	Black	Clear	Quantity	Price
35	Modern GB Commems	1035	2035		
36	GB Machin High Values	1036	2036		
37	Modern GB Commems	1037	2037		
39	Various Foreign Issues	1039	2039		
41	Modern GB Commems	1041	2041		
44	Various Foreign Issues	1044	2044		
48	Blocks of Four GB Issues	1048	2048		
55	Blocks of Four	1055	2055		
BLOCK SIZES		£6.15			
Size mm	Packets of 10	Black	Clear	Quantity	Price
210x66		1066	2066		
210x70	Suitable for	1070	2070		
210x76	Blocks	1076	2076		
210x86	Miniature sheets	1086	2086		
130x85	Gutter Pairs	1201	2201		
148x105	Etc	1202	2202		
160x120		1203	2203		
210x170	Packets of 5	1204	2204		
	Mixed blocks - 9 different	1205	2205		
MIXED 'STARTER' PACKS		£3.35			
	13 strips various sizes	1002	2002		

"When quality counts, you can rely on Hawid"

**Order total: £**

POST: Up to £60.00 - £3.95 per order. Over £60.00 - Post FREE  
(UK only) Overseas sent at cost.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Credit Card ☐ .....

Cheque ☐ .....

Expiry Date: .....

Security Code (last 3 digits): .....

Please make cheques payable to: **DUNCANNON PARTNERSHIP**

**HAWID (UK)** 4 Beaufort Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9DJ  
Tel: 01737 244222 Fax: 01737 224743

**www.duncannon.co.uk**

## WE DON'T JUST BUY CHINA DRAGONS!

### ALSO WANTED

**GREAT BRITAIN, BRITISH COMMONWEALTH & FOREIGN -**

Lots, Stocks, Accumulations and Collections.  
We pay good prices with Immediate Payment!

**UP TO £500,000 AVAILABLE**

Our G.B. buying list is available on request or can be viewed/downloaded  
from our website at: [www.rushstamps.co.uk](http://www.rushstamps.co.uk)

### WEMBLEY "EXTRA TIME" SPECIAL

1924 Wembley (2) U/M... £10.75, Mtd... £5.95, F/U... £5.95, Used .....£3.25

1925 Wembley (2) U/M... £33.00, Mtd... £19.50, F/U... £19.50, Used ..... £13.50

(Enquiries for Odd Values invited)

2014 Classic Locos (2nd Series) SG 3570-77, hard to find, needed for supplements, tipped!

U/M or F/U (Cat. £13) now off sale ..... £9.50

Do. in Booklet Panes of 4 (4) containing 2 sets U/M ..... £17.50

All UK Postpaid. Payment by Credit Card and Paypal accepted

(Paypal payments to [ebaysales@rushstamps.co.uk](mailto:ebaysales@rushstamps.co.uk))

**PLEASE VISIT US AT EUROPHILEX, STANDS 040 & G76**

**RUSHEXPRESS NO. 70/70A** (192 pages) available FREE on REQUEST  
or can be viewed/downloaded from our website at [www.rushstamps.co.uk](http://www.rushstamps.co.uk)

## RUSHSTAMPS (RETAIL) LTD.

PO BOX ONE, LYNTHURST, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND SO43 7PP



TEL: (023) 8028 2044 FAX: (023) 8028 2981

Email: [enquiries@rushstamps.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rushstamps.co.uk)

Website: [www.rushstamps.co.uk](http://www.rushstamps.co.uk)



## Worldwide Approvals

ALL countries and interests covered.

FREE postage both ways (within UK)

HUGE Variety of Commonwealth, Foreign and GB material awaiting you.

NO Obligation.

GUARANTEED Satisfaction.

ESTABLISHED 25 Years.

21 Day Approval Period.

Beginners and specialists welcome.



Application Form. (BLOCK CAPS)

Please send me an introductory selection of stamps on 21 days approval. I undertake to pay for any stamps I may retain and will return, in the manner requested, any stamps I do not purchase.

Signature .....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Postcode .....

Home Phone .....

Collecting Interests .....



**NEWTON HOUSE, P.O. BOX 116,  
BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET, TA5 1YU**  
**TELEPHONE: (01823) 413067**

e-mail: [newtonhouse@homecolinstott.freemove.co.uk](mailto:newtonhouse@homecolinstott.freemove.co.uk)



# Double celebration

The twin centenaries of the state of Victoria and the city of Melbourne in 1934-35 were marked by an impressive array of poster stamps

**E**ighty years ago, in 1934-35, Australians were celebrating two major linked anniversaries: the centennial of the first European settlement in Victoria, which was founded at Portland by Edward Henty in November 1834, and the centennial of the city of Melbourne, which was founded by John Batman in June 1835.

Despite the financial strain of the Great Depression, the organisers were keen to present an image of Melbourne as 'the Queen City of the South', and Victoria as 'the Britain of the Southern Hemisphere'.

The significance of the celebrations was such that King George V sent his son Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester, on a royal visit. Reportedly, 500,000 people lined the decorated streets from Port Melbourne to the Town Hall to welcome him.

A Centenary of Victoria set of three stamps was issued by Australia Post, illustrating an aborigine looking across the River Yarra towards a high-rise Melbourne.

A wealthy confectioner, MacPherson Robertson, also put up a substantial cash prize for the winner of a prestigious London to Melbourne Air Race, which was claimed by C W A Scott and Tom Campbell Black flying a De Havilland Comet. Flown covers are highly prized by arophilatelists.



ABOVE: 1934-35 Victorian & Melbourne Centenary poster stamp depicting a platypus



ABOVE: 1934 Joyland souvenir stamp illustrating the centenary birthday cake



**THE AUTHORS**  
Brothers Charles and Francis Kiddle are world authorities on cinderellas. Charles is a past Chairman of the Cinderella Stamp Club and Francis is a past President of the Royal Philatelic Society London



ABOVE: 1934 Australasian Philatelic Exhibition souvenir stamp in red

*'One stamp hailed the baking of the largest cake ever'*

A range of cinderellas were also produced for the twin centenaries, amounting to 21 poster stamps in all.

The organising committee produced an attractive multicoloured set of 12 depicting Australian fauna and flora, such as the platypus.

A single design was also printed to commemorate the baking of a giant centenary birthday cake which was claimed to be the largest ever made, standing 50ft tall and weighing 10 tons. It was cut into 250,000 pieces which were sold for charity at the Joyland people's fair.

When the sixth Australasian



ABOVE: 1934-35 Australian Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree poster stamp depicting a kangaroo

Philatelic Exhibition was hosted by Melbourne Town Hall from November 8-17, 1934, a set of four souvenir stamps were produced, all illustrating the venue within an outline map of Australia.

Finally, another set of four with images of scouts, kangaroos and koalas was created to celebrate the first Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree, held at Frankston from December 27, 1934, to January 13, 1935. This was the first international jamboree held outside Europe, and was attended by the founder of the movement Lord Baden-Powell. □

## DID YOU KNOW?

The city of Melbourne might have ended up with a much less sensible name. It was initially known by various British misrenderings of its aboriginal description, including Bareberp, or informally called Batmania (after John Batman), until in 1837 it was formally named after the Prime Minister, Viscount Melbourne.

The state of Victoria was initially called Port Phillip District, as a part of New South Wales. Only after being granted the status of a colony in 1851 was it named after Queen Victoria.



# Do you collect British Stamps?



## Visit our website

[www.greatbritainstamps.net](http://www.greatbritainstamps.net)



or contact us for a **free** catalogue

**Swan Stamps**

PO Box 501 Torquay  
Devon TQ1 9FE

Phone: 01803 323430

email: [sue@greatbritainstamps.net](mailto:sue@greatbritainstamps.net)

# PRINZ

## PRINZ SYSTEM PAGES



Black card pages, Overall size 215mm x 280mm.  
Available in single sided or double sided. With 1 to 8 strips per side - and Standard hole punching to fit 3 or 4 ring binders, or Universal punched to fit various ring binders upto 22 ring.

### Prinz System Stock Pages

Single Sided, Standard punched per 10	£4.95
Double Sided, Standard punched per 10	£7.25
Single Sided, Universal punched per 10	£5.25
Double Sided, Universal punched per 10	£7.75

Also available from Prinz: Stamp mounts, Corner mounts, UV test lamps, Stockcards & many other essential accessories.

Shop, Mail Order, Online & Trade orders welcome!

**PRINZ PUBLICATIONS UK LTD**

UNIT 3A HAYLE INDUSTRIAL PARK, HAYLE  
CORNWALL, TR27 5JR

Tel: 01736 751910 Email: [info@prinz.co.uk](mailto:info@prinz.co.uk)  
[WWW.PRINZ.CO.UK](http://WWW.PRINZ.CO.UK)



**CANDLISHMcCLEERY LTD Great Britain Stamps 1840-1970**

PO BOX 2  
HANLEY CASTLE  
WORCESTER WR8 0ZF

TEL: 01684 311771  
FAX: 01684 311778  
E-mail: [ross@candlishmccleery.com](mailto:ross@candlishmccleery.com)



[www.candlishmccleery.com](http://www.candlishmccleery.com)

## GERMANY AT YOUR REQUEST

### FINE QUALITY APPROVAL SELECTIONS

28 days to view. Select those you like, return the rest

GERMAN STATES ☐ GERMAN EMPIRE ☐ WEIMAR ☐  
THIRD REICH ☐ ALLIED SECTORS ☐ BERLIN ☐  
BUNDESREPUBLIK ☐ DDR ☐



Please indicate the areas of interest to you.

In addition I normally enclose postal history of the areas concerned, unless requested not to do so.

Let me know your requirements and I will be pleased to help.

Please send me one of your excellent selections with no obligation to purchase.

I will pay for any stamps retained and return the rest within 28 days.

Name ..... Mr/Mrs/Ms

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Signature.....Tel.....

I wish to pay by card no.....exp/date.....

**JHS PO BOX 195 BOGNOR REGIS PO21 3YH**



**JK 106. HARRY POTTER.** A fantastic collection of different Harry Potter stamps from various countries. Includes a scarce Isle of Man prisoner of Azkaban cover with I.O.M Harry Potter stamp in combination with official Royal Mail Harry Potter stamp, postmarked with illustrated first day issue, Hogwarts postmark. The collection also includes unmounted mint Royal Mail Harry Potter stamps and several other unmounted mint Harry Potter stamps and miniature sheets from various countries, includes catalogued and scarcer unlisted issues the whole collection .....Price £19.75

**SA4 NELSON MANDELA** A historic and scarce mourning cover for Nelson Mandela. 'His was a spirit born free, today his spirit is soaring through the heavens. He is now forever free' - Muhammad Ali 5/12/13. The cover bears a South Africa Mandela stamp with cachet 'In Memorial 1918-2013' also Royal Mail gold definitive postmarked Mount Pleasant 5/12/13. Only 50 covers known to exist.....Price £14.

**SH337 SUPER HEROES** A spectacular collection of Super Heroes on stamps including: Superman, Catwoman 'X-Men', Titans, The Incredible Hulk, Spiderman plus others. Noted, Jersey 'Man of Steel' also various miniature sheets & mint and used stamps. The whole collection .....Price £19.50.

**GB85 GREAT BRITAIN** An important error on the 1966 Battle of Hastings 6d. value. The wrong colour gold leaf was used in error on the Queens Head. Error - yellow gold instead of normal bronze gold. We can offer the unmounted mint error plus normal stamp for comparison .....Price £7.50.

**CYL29 CYLINDER NUMBER BLOCKS** A specialized collection of Great Britain & British Commonwealth cylinder number blocks. It is unusual to see such a large lot of different cylinder number blocks 120 stamps in all unmounted mint cylinder number blocks .....Price £21.

**LA39K BRITISH ISLES** A phenomenal & valuable collection of British Local Island's stamps. Only unmounted mint, including Lundy Island, Davaar Island, Cairn Iar, Isle of Easdale, Bernera Island, Staffa, Strom, Isle of Pabay, Bardsey, Herm, Calf of Man, Hildasay - Shetland Islands, Jethou, Brechou, Alderney, St Kilda, St Marys, Calvey Island, Sanda Island, Gugh, St Martins. With blocks, multiples, singles & miniature sheets. This important & valuable collection with only unmounted mint stamps and many high £ values. The nominal face value is well over £200 ...Price £47.25.

**GB5 GB WINSTON CHURCHILL D-DAY COVER.** A spectacular cover and valuable addition to any addition to any WWII Collection. The cover is inscribed 70th Anniv. of D-Day 6th June 1944. Illustrated with Churchill Downing Street 1940's Photograph, and Churchill's Quote: "And what a plan! This vast operation is undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult that has ever occurred. The cover bears a combination of Royal Mail, Churchill and D-Day stamps. With official Royal Mail, British Forces 3173 Postal Services postmark, D-Day 6th June 2014. The cover also bears original King Geo VI GPO stamps, with horizontal cachet inscribed 'D-Day The Longest Day' in black. The cover issue was restricted to 100 covers only .....Price £13.75

**HRH7 RARE ROYAL COVER** Extremely rare Royal Cover for HRH Prince George. This superbly illustrated, Royal Baby, Official first day cover, bears a gutter pair originally printed for Princess Diana's 21st birthday, which was overprinted for the birth of her son Prince William dated 19/07/1982, the cover was re-posted with Royal Mail stamps of three generations: Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles & Prince William. Officially postmarked by the Royal Mail for Prince George's christening on 23/10/13 at St James' Palace London. The cover has been signed by the stamp designer - only 40 of this rare cover are understood to exist and are destined to be vital to any future Prince William and Prince George stamp collections .....Price £19.75.

**Z33E UNORTHODOX STAMPS** One of the most unusual collections we have ever seen assembled, with everything except normal stamps. Including triangular stamps, self adhesive 'free form', map shaped stamps, gold foil round (circular) stamps, diamond shapes, '3 dimensional' and others. Hundreds of different mint and used unorthodox stamps ..... Price £13.

**LIB 92. LIBYA.** War in Libya, Liberation Cover. An unusual cover inscribed Official Liberation Day with Iconic Illustration. The cover has Machin Royal Mail stamps and official Royal Mail British Jubilee postmark dated, 23 Oct 2011 (Libya Liberation Day). The cover also bears a Libya Col. Gaddafi stamp tied to cover with cachet inscribed Oct 2011 Libya. An unusual and important cover .....Price £14.50

**SF9 SCI-FI** An impressive thematic collection of science fiction stamps & covers, including several different British 'Dr Who' covers & PHQ card. Also noted: Stars Wars stamps, Star Trek stamps and miniature sheets. Lot includes scarcer covers, and '\$' values with unmounted mint & used and mini sheets. All Sci-Fi .....Price £21.

**R88A NAZI GERMAN** Occupation of World War II various Croatia Bohemia and Moravia. Occupation of Poland General government (Theresienstadt also Lodz Ghetto these may not be genuine) plus various other Germany war period Hitler issues. Mainly genuine unmounted mint/ used .....Price £10

**G104 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH** Rare High Value illustrated Gutter Pair FDCs personally signed by the DESIGNER of the stamps. Several of these which form part of a specialised collection of "Royal Baby" FDCs both unsigned and signed. Also various Royal Wedding PHQ Cards all pmks illust. First Day Issue Countries include St Lucia, Montserrat, St Vincent, Nevis, Tuvalu, St Kitts, Kiribati. An impressive valuable collection .....Price £17.00

**FD19 FOOTBALL.** A super collection of football stamps. Noted, British Local stamps for West Ham, Arsenal, blackpool, Bolton, Huddersfield, Blackburn Rovers and Portsmouth; also noted, Several World Cup Football Covers. Includes GB 1966 England World Cup (winners) mint issue, with several football miniature sheets - including Manchester United miniature sheet. Plus several hundreds different football stamps. Mint and Used .....Price £21

**M27A CORONATION STREET.** A specialised and most unusual thematic collection of Coronation street stamps with COMPLETE UNM, MINT SETS. From various British local Islands, including scarcer High Values and several £1.00 values. Personalities depicted on stamps include: Jack & Annie Walker, Stan & Hilda Ogden, Ken & Irma Barlow, Jack & Vera Duckworth, Martha Longhurst, Ena Sharples, Mike & Alma Baldwin, Kevin Webster, Raquel Wolstenholme, Ray Langton, Liz McDonald, Alf Roberts, Bet Gilroy, Curly Watts, Leonard Swindly, Elsie Tanner, Reg Holdworth + others.....Price £12.00

**LOT K2 GREAT BRITAIN UNMOUNTED MINT COMMEMORATIVES & DEFINITIVES & DEFINITIVES UNSORTED ACCUMULATION.** Items noted include Traffic Light Gutter Pair Missing Phosphor Error coil strips. Well over 500 stamps only unmounted mint .....Price £15

**MM28 MARILYN MONROE** A gorgeous collection of Marilyn Monroe stamps. Few other actresses embodies the term 'Hollywood Movie Star' as much as the legendary and iconic screen goddess, Marilyn Monroe. This collection contains many different unmounted mint and used Marilyn Monroe stamps. Including several elusive stamps .....Price £11.

**E.28 POSTAGE DUES.** Unusual collection of POSTAGE DUE stamps, including GB, Br Cols and Foreign, in singles, blocks of multiples, all uncat. Mint (mostly unmounted) and used. About 120+ stamps .....Price £8.00

**E.32 TIBET** Fantastic group printed on rough and thin "Native Type" paper including listed stamps, and some shades and colours which appear not to be listed in Gibbons Catalogue. Included are blocks and singles. Due to the crudeness of the printing of this type of Tibet stamps, there is no way we can guarantee any as genuine. If just some of the listed stamps were genuine the Catalogue Value would be Hundreds of Pounds. We have decided the safest way is to treat them as suspect and possible forgeries. As such we are offering them for sale at the knock down price of only .....Price £13.00

**E.32 GREAT BRITAIN SPECTACULAR ERROR** on 1966 XMAS 3d. Value (SG713) SHIFT OF GOLD COLOUR, causing Queens Head Shift Error, superb unmted mint together with normal stamp for comparison .....Price £4.25

**JB 773 JAMES BOND** . An outstanding collection of James Bond Stamps. Includes official Royal Mail James Bond combination cover bearing Ian Fleming's iconic James Bond book issue, with first day of issue 8/1/2008 Royal Mail Postmark . The cover was reposted on 1/5/2012 (four years later) with Royal Mail "British Hero James Bond 50th Anniv Postmark. The James Bond Collection continues with many Unmounted Mint James Bond Commemorative Stamps and Miniature Sheets: Including, scarcer unlisted issues from various countries .....Price £26

**PA 22 BAHAWALPUR, PAKISTAN & BANGLADESH.** A collection with hundreds of different Bangladesh also Pakistan, with mint and used stamps up to modern, but noted King George VI Bahawalpur unmounted mint dating back to 1948. A fine collection of hundreds of different stamps .....Price £12.25

**STR 58 GREAT BRITAIN SPECIALISED 1971 POSTAL STRIKE COLLECTION.** Dating back to the short period in British Postal History when the Post Office granted licenses to private delivery companies to deliver mail in the U.K. This important GB postal history collection comprising of postal strike stamps in singles & blocks also has scarcer multiples and "Tete-beche" stamps. Used and unused with many unmounted mint (FDC noted). Well over one hundred stamps .....Price £15

**ATH6 GREECE** A colossal collection of Greek stamps from early issues to modern. Many older unmounted mint stamps including scarcer overprinted issues. There must be well over 500 different stamps of Greece including mint and used .....Price £23.

**SP27X SPACE** Space, the final frontier. A small but impressive collection of outer space and space exploration camps. Including original 1969 moon landing cover and People's Republic of China space covers. Over 100+ mint and used stamps and miniature sheets. Noted mint Royal Mail issues for Planetary Nebula in Norma & Aquila, Seyfert 2 Galaxy in Circinus, Pegasus Galaxy. Also Russia mint issue for Yuri Gagarin, first man in space. A lovely lot .....Price £14.50.

**GB.51 - GREAT BRITAIN Scarce Festival of Britain Commem.** Cover. Bearing the Abram Games stamp designer official Royal Mail Commem. Stamp cancelled with iconic Festival of Britain 25/3/14 Postmark. The cover also bears the complete King George VI 1951 Festival stamps with black cachet "G.P.O. 1951 Festival of Britain Official Stamp Issue" The edition was limited to only 100 of these important covers .....Price £11.25

**RD32 IRAQ WAR** Rare operation Red Dawn - Iraq War cover. Issued for the capture of Saddam Hussein. The illustrated cover bears a Royal Mail Tower Bridge Stamp with illustrated Tower Hill Postmark, dated 13th December 2003. The cover also bears an Iraq Saddam Hussein stamp tied to the cover with black cachet inscribed "Ad Dawr Iraq December 2003" In English and Arabic. Originally the cover issue was only 100 covers but few are believed to still exist outside collectors hands .....Price £21

**M6 PRINCESS DIANA** - Worldwide collection. Some 1981 Wedding Issues, also Prince William Birth, including scarcer sheetlets, V SCARCE GUTTER PAIR F.D.C.s SIGNED BY THE DESIGNER (stamp designer) also various worldwide 1997 Princess Diana Memorial Issues. The whole collection .....Price £13.00

**GUSTAMPS**

12 Prince Albert Street, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 1HE  
Tel: 01273 326994 Fax: 01273 321318

Telephone or Fax orders accepted.

Payment by Mastercard or Visa credit cards

We have no e-mail address, please contact us by telephone  
Est. 1971 dealing in stamps for over 40 years





# STAMP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

## DIRECT DEBIT SUBSCRIPTIONS (UK ONLY)

Yes, I would like to subscribe to **Stamp Magazine**

☐ Print + Digital: £21.80 every 6 months  
(**SAVE 24%** on shop price + **SAVE 75%** on Digital Download + **FREE GIFT**)

☐ Print Subscription: £18.00 every 6 months (**SAVE 24%** on shop price + **FREE GIFT**)

### YOUR DETAILS MUST BE COMPLETED

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....Initial.....Surname.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Country.....

Tel.....Mobile.....

Email.....D.O.B.....

### I WOULD LIKE TO SEND A GIFT TO:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....Initial.....Surname.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Country.....

### INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY

Originator's reference 422562



Name of bank.....

Address of bank.....

.....Postcode.....

Account holder.....

Signature.....Date.....

Sort code.....Account number.....

**Instructions to your bank or building society:** Please pay MyTimeMedia Ltd. Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with MyTimeMedia Ltd and if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Reference Number (official use only).....

Please note that banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions from some types of account.

## CARD PAYMENTS & OVERSEAS

Yes, I would like to subscribe to **Stamp Magazine**,  
for 1 year (12 issues) with a one-off payment

#### UK ONLY:

☐ Print + Digital: £45.60 (SAVE 20% on shop price + SAVE 75% on Digital Download + FREE GIFT)

☐ Print: £38.00 (SAVE 20% on shop price + FREE GIFT)

#### EUROPE & ROW:

☐ EU Print + Digital: £67.60

☐ EU Print: £60.00

☐ ROW Print + Digital: £72.60

☐ ROW Print: £65.00

### PAYMENT DETAILS

☐ Postal Order/Cheque ☐ Visa/MasterCard ☐ Maestro

Please make cheques payable to MyTimeMedia Ltd and write code V717 on the back

Cardholder's name.....

Card no:.....(Maestro)

Valid from.....Expiry date.....Maestro issue no.....

Signature.....Date.....

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Offer ends 9th April 2015. MyTimeMedia Ltd & Stamp Magazine may contact you with information about our other products and services. If you DO NOT wish to be contacted by MyTimeMedia Ltd & Stamp Magazine please tick here: ☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Phone. If you DO NOT wish to be contacted by carefully chosen 3rd parties, please tick here: ☐ Post ☐ Phone. If you wish to be contacted by email by carefully chosen 3rd parties, please tick here: ☐ Email

**POST THIS FORM TO: STAMP MAGAZINE  
SUBSCRIPTIONS, TOWER HOUSE, SOVEREIGN PARK,  
MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS LE16 9EF.**

**HURRY  
OFFER  
CLOSES**

**9th APRIL  
2015**



## PRINT + DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION

**Free** Compact Flexi Magnifier Lamp  
worth £29.95\*

12 Issues **delivered to your door**

Save up to **24% off the shop price**

**Download** each new issue to your device

A **75% discount** on your Digital Subscription

Access your subscription on **multiple devices**

Access to the **Online Archive** dating back  
to January 2008

**Exclusive discount** on all orders at  
[myhobbystore.co.uk](http://myhobbystore.co.uk)



## PRINT SUBSCRIPTION

**Free** Compact Flexi Magnifier Lamp  
worth £29.95\*

12 Issues **delivered to your door**

Save up to **24% off the shop price**

**Exclusive discount** on all orders at  
[myhobbystore.co.uk](http://myhobbystore.co.uk)

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY**



# Receive a FREE Compact Flexi Magnifier Lamp\* subscribe today.

**WORTH £29.95**

**DIGITAL  
SUBSCRIPTIONS  
AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

**Great for close-up  
and intricate work**



## Compact Flexi Magnifier Lamp:

A 12w daylight lamp with glass magnifier lens & flexible neck ideal for close-up & intricate work.



**SAVE**  
**24%\*\* ON THE  
SHOP PRICE &  
75% ON DIGITAL**

## Features include:


- 12 watt circular energy saving tube
- Shadow free light with no heat emission
- Compact, ergonomic design with table base & lens cap
- Quality 100mm (4") lens, 3 diopetre (1.75 x Mag)
- Suitable for mobile use

Offer ends 9th April 2015. \*Gift for UK subscribers only, while stocks last. \*\*When you subscribe by Direct Debit. Please see [www.stampmagazine.co.uk/terms](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk/terms) for full terms & conditions.

**SUBSCRIBE SECURELY ONLINE**

 [www.subscription.co.uk/stal/v717](http://www.subscription.co.uk/stal/v717)

**CALL OUR ORDER LINE**

 **0844 543 8200**

Lines open weekdays 8am – 9.30pm & Saturday 8am – 4pm

**Quote ref: V717**

BT landline calls to 0844 numbers will cost no more than 5p per minute. Calls from mobiles usually cost more.





## THE EXPERTS

### Francis Kiddle All World



A past president of the Royal Philatelic Society London and a world authority on cinderellas

### Ken Lewis Postal History



Dedicated researcher into interesting covers, cancellations, cachets, postage rates and routes

### Tom Pierron Modern Errors



Editor of a comprehensive catalogue of Queen Elizabeth II British and Commonwealth errors

### Dickon Pollard King George VI



Co-owner of Murray Payne, one of the world's foremost King George VI specialist dealers

### Frank Spencer Recent Issues



The compiler of *Stamp Magazine's New Issue Guide* has unrivalled knowledge of new stamps

### Don Staddon Machins



One of the foremost authorities on Machin definitives, and on Royal Mail stamp printing

### Stephen Taylor USA



Britain's top dealer in American stamps and postal history, based in the UK since 1995

### Richard West Philatelic World



A former editor of *Stamp Magazine*, and past president of the National Philatelic Society

## Are these South African missing-colour errors?

**Q** I have come across two stamps from South Africa's 1974 definitive series which seem to be missing colours. One is the 2c illustrating the wild heath (SG 349a), which appears to be missing red, and the other is the 5c illustrating the Cape gannet (SG 352), which appears to be missing yellow. Are these catalogued errors?  
**Mike Whyte, Redruth**

**A** The two stamps which look like errors are in fact coil stamps, and they are as printed.

For whatever reason, coil stamps from the 1974-1977 Flowers, Birds & Fish definitive series were printed from a reduced colour palette.

Bizarrely, all four coil values, of 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, therefore look like missing colour errors when compared with their equivalents from counter sheets!

Many collectors have been caught out by this, because the majority of catalogues don't include separate images of the coil stamps, and their descriptions don't always make the differences clear.

An honourable exception is the *South African Stamp Colour Catalogue*, which includes images of most issues.



## Who perforated the initials in this Machin?

**Q** This very nice 1980 strike of a 'Collect British Stamps' slogan postmark on a 12p Machin is rather spoilt for me by the stamp having been perforated with the initials 'A-M'. What was the purpose of this perfin?  
**Robert Major, Swindon**

**A** Well over 20,000 different perfin types have been catalogued by the British-based Perfin Society. This particular design is that of Addressograph Multigraph Ltd, a London-based company. Why it was used in Hemel Hempstead is unclear.

The practice of perforating postage stamps was always to mark them out as belonging to a company and thereby discourage theft. It began as early as the 1860s and died out the 1990s, with the increasing use of postage meters.

For more information about the Perfin Society, visit [www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc](http://www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc)



## GOT A QUESTION?

E-mail your question, with a 300dpi digital image, to: [guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com](mailto:guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com). We will answer as many queries as we can on these pages, but please note that we are unable to respond to them by e-mail, post or telephone, and it might not be possible to solve and publish all that we receive.



## Is this the earliest known usage of Swansea's oddly-spelt handstamp?

**Q** What can you tell me about the postal markings on this entire of August 1769, posted from Swansea to Broughton in Buckinghamshire? Is the oddly-spelt 'Swanzey' handstamp unusual?

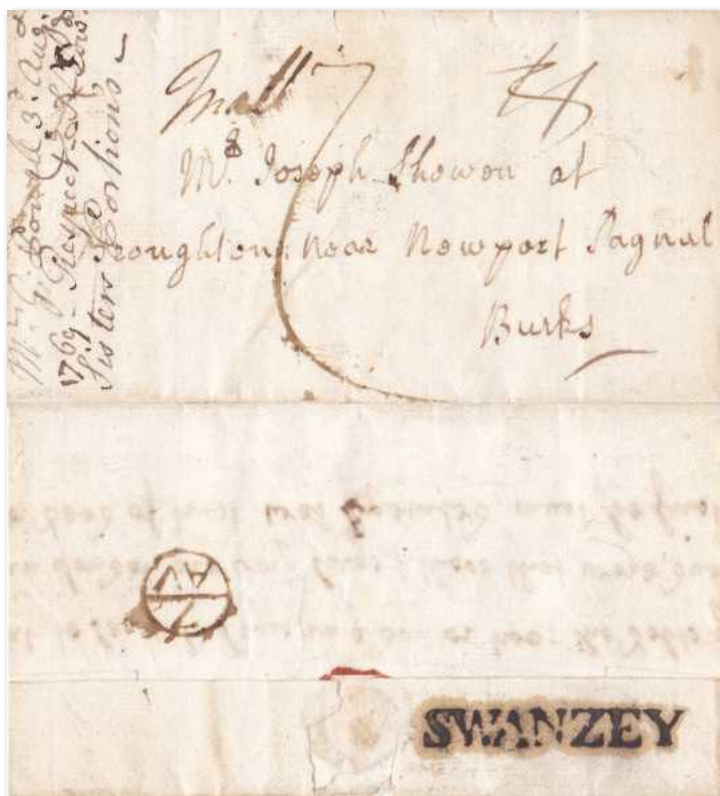
**Ben Culverhay, Swansea**

**A** The manuscript reveals that this entire was written on August 3, 1769. It was probably posted the same day, although in the absence of a datestamp we cannot be sure.

The Bishop mark of August 7, applied in London as a transit mark, reminds us that at this time all British mail travelled through the capital to its destination, even if it was addressed to a nearby village.

An interesting feature is that the charge mark was corrected *en route*. It was initially noted as 11d, but that was scribbled out and amended to 7d. This figure comprised 4d for a distance of over 80 miles from Swansea to London, and 3d for a distance of less than 80 miles from London to Broughton.

The single-line 'Swanzey' handstamp is known to have been introduced in August 1769, the same month as the letter was written, and might perhaps be the earliest known usage. Can any reader confirm whether this is the case?



## How many stamp issues have been printed on flocked paper?

**Q** Luxembourg's 2014 Christmas stamps were printed on flocked paper. Is this a first, or has anything similar been done before?

**Jo Alexander, Epsom**

**A** The effect has been tried on more than a handful of occasions, all in the 21st century.

Russia claimed a world first with a Christmas sheetlet of nine illustrating Santa Claus on flocked paper in 2003.

The following year, Singapore issued a set of four marking the 100th anniversary of FIFA, the governing body of world football, and Finland a booklet of six featuring

characters from the Moomin books.

Thailand issued a single stamp showing a rose in 2005 which was both printed on flocked paper and scented, while Hong Kong's 2007 sheetlets celebrating Chinese New Year animals had a velvety texture, and an Estonia stamp celebrating its native breed cattle in 2014 was intended to have a leather feel.

Most of these stamps were printed by Cartor, part of the International Security Printers group, which established its philatelic reputation by being able to offer unusual printing techniques.

According to its website, 'Using an exclusive spraying process, Cartor can

apply very fine cellulose fibres to special gummed stamp paper, adding a soft, smooth textured feel to the surface of the stamp.'



ABOVE: Finland 2004 Moomin 1st class



ABOVE: Russia 2003 Christmas 7r



ABOVE: Singapore 2004 FIFA 60c



ABOVE: Luxembourg 2014 Christmas 85c + 10c



# Great Britain illustrated Price List 1840 – 2015

Phone or write for your free copy of our latest 56 page list or visit our website



[www.britishstamps.com](http://www.britishstamps.com)

PO Box 501 Torquay Devon TQ1 9FE  
Telephone 01803 323 430  
email [steve@britishstamps.com](mailto:steve@britishstamps.com) [www.britishstamps.com](http://www.britishstamps.com)

**Swan Stamps**

PO Box 501 Torquay, Devon TQ1 9FE

Phone: 01803 323430 email: [steve@britishstamps.com](mailto:steve@britishstamps.com)



**For Those  
Who Collect  
The Best**

## Great Britain and British Commonwealth Classic Approvals

For over 20 years I have been sending out fine quality approval selections. There is considerable pleasure in selecting the stamps you require in the comfort of your own home. There is no obligation or pressure to purchase. I will tailor your selections to your budget and area of interest.

If you have not purchased from approvals before, you may well find this is just the service you have been looking for, no fuss, highly convenient, very prompt. You don't need to pay 40% to 60% of SG catalogue price. The great majority of my prices are 33% or less for good quality material.

YES... I should like to try your excellent value selections. I will undertake to select and pay for any stamps retained and return the remainder within 21 days. I have ticked the following areas of interest.

Great Britain all reigns ☐ or QV-KEVII ☐ Three Kings ☐  
QEII ☐ Channel Islands/IOM ☐  
British Commonwealth all reigns ☐ or QV-KEVII ☐  
Three Kings ☐ Queen EII ☐

Name ..... Mr/Mrs/Ms

Address .....

Post Code ..... Tel .....

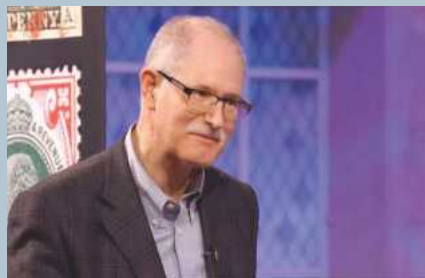
I will pay by cheque ☐ or Credit Card No. ....

Expiry date ..... Signature .....

My maximum budget for quality stamps at the right price is £ .....

M. L. Clifford, PO Box 25, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 3YU.





Andrew on The Alan Titchmarsh Show ITV

# UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

4 The Old Coalyard, West End  
Northleach, Glos. GL54 3HE UK

Tel: 01451 861111

Fax: 01451 861297

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)  
[sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk)

## SELLING YOUR STAMPS? (continued) Part 3

### Summary Tip #20: 5 Different Ways to Sell your Stamps: Dealers 'runners' / Private Treaty

Dear Collector,

In Part 2 of 'Selling Your Stamps' we discussed the advantages of direct sale to dealers and how with careful handling and awareness of the 'strength of your collection' it is often possible to obtain more for your collection selling directly to dealers than by selling through auction.

In Part 4 of 'Selling your Stamps' we'll discuss the potential advantages and disadvantages of selling through auction on your own account .... but in this article we'll deal with two lesser known but nevertheless important aspects of selling your stamps .... the first being Dealers 'runners'.

they sold to other dealers – they rarely if ever sold to collectors – they were Dealers 'runners'. Now for you to part with your beloved collection to the first dealer that you contact does not necessarily mean that you have made a mistake ... but, if that dealer writes you out a cheque ... and almost before the ink has even dried on it – (probably before you have presented the cheque at your bank) ... he or she is at the nearest big dealer 50 miles away being paid a profit upon the price you sold your collection for – this is NOT in your best interest.

So what should you be looking for? You should be looking for

### **...but try as I might – I never once saw an advertisement by those companies to sell stamps.**

Before you even start to try selling your stamps; preparation is all. Make some research:

1. Draw up a list of whom you consider as a possible target to sell / handle your collection.

..... then consider –

2. Why have I chosen those dealers/organisations ?

Here's something to think about ... for the best part of 20 years I watched the same advertisements extolling the merits of selling to this or that particular dealer ... but try as I might – I never once saw an advertisement by those companies to sell stamps. This was in 'pre-internet' days ... nowadays people trade on the internet with all manner of weird and unusual trading names, sometimes to disguise who they actually are – but in those days traditional selling 'avenues' were shops, stamp fairs, auctions, approvals, and retail/mail-order lists ....

... so why was it impossible to find out how those dealers actually conducted their business? The answer was simple –

an organisation / dealer that you can see and understand how they conduct their business. Dealers that sell to other dealers are unlikely to be paying the best price.

#### **Private Treaty: What is it?**

The idea of Private Treaty is that collectors 'place' their collection with a dealer or auction that charges a small commission to sell their collection outright. Sometimes it is claimed that the Buyer will pay the commission so that the collector pays no charges whatsoever. Historically 'Private Treaty' has acquired notoriety as an excuse for the company handling the transaction to 'buy-in' the collection for themselves. Maybe collectors and dealers should forget the concept of private treaty in favour of an open approach whereby the dealer/auction explains that they are purchasing on their own account ... or will charge a small percentage for handling/passing the collector/collection to a more appropriate buyer.

In Part 4 of 'Selling your Stamps?' we'll discuss consigning your stamps for sale by auction.

Happy collecting from us all,

Andrew McGavin

PS. If you find this 'tip' interesting please forward it to a philatelic friend.

*Managing Director: Universal Philatelic Auctions, Omniphil & Avon Approvals, Avon Mixtures, UniversalPhilatelic (Ebay)*

**STAMPS! WE LOVE THEM!** Buying or selling your stamps? Collectors - we have four different departments that can help you find all the stamps you want. Our Auctions have up to 21,401 lots in our famous quarterly auctions.

Visit [www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) when you want to buy or sell stamps.



Andrew on The Alan Titchmarsh Show ITV

## UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

4 The Old Coalyard, West End, Northleach, Glos. GL54 3HE UK

Tel: 01451 861111 • Fax: 01451 861297

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) • [sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk)





## UK & WORLDWIDE EXHIBITION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH 13-15

#### SWEDEN

**Wernamo 2015 Swedish National Exhibition**

**Venue:** Rubber Factory, Central Värnamo, Jönköping County, Sweden.

**Contact:**

www.varnamo.nu/wernamo2015  
wernamo@vmo.nu

### MARCH 14-15

#### UK

**Salisbury Stamp Show**

**Venue:** Andover Leisure Centre, West Street, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1QP.

**Contact:** Machin Collectors Club,  
11 Princes Street, Sutton Bridge,  
Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 9RF  
Tel/Fax: 01406 350896  
salisburystampshow@gmail.com  
www.salisburystampshow.co.uk

### APRIL 24-28

#### TAIWAN

**Taipei 2015 Asian International Stamp Exhibition**

**Venue:** Exhibition Hall 3, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan

**Contact:**

www.taipei2015.post.gov.tw

### APRIL 25-26

#### USA

**Plymouth Stamp Show**

**Venue:** Hellenic Cultural Center,  
36375 Joy Road, Westland,  
Michigan 48185.

**Contact:** Tim Strzalkowski

Tel: +1 313 533 7737

mywssc@msn.com

www.plymouthshow.com

### MAY 7-9

#### GERMANY

**Essen International Stamp Fair**

**Venue:** Messehaus Ost, Essen  
Exhibition Centre, Norbertstrasse 2,  
45131 Essen.

**Contact:** Jan Billion, Messeagentur,  
Postfach 108 254, 40863 Ratingen,  
Germany

Tel: +49 2102 50675

Fax: +49 2102 895825

info@briefmarkenmesse-essen.de

### MAY 13-16

#### UK

**London 2015 Europhilex**

**Venue:** Business Design Centre, 52  
Upper Street, Islington, London N1  
0QH.

**Contact:** Deborah Gooch, Secretary  
to 2015 Organising Committee,  
Greystones, Green Lane, Crowborough,  
East Sussex TN6 2BX

Tel: 01892 613176

londonstamps2015@gmail.com

www.london2015.net

### MAY 15-17

#### USA

**Rocky Mountain Stamp Show**

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Denver  
International Airport, 15500 East 40th  
Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80239.

**Contact:** Steve McGill, Chairman

chairman@rockymountain

stampshow.com

www.rockymountainstampshow.com

### JUNE 19-20

#### USA

**Okpex**

**Venue:** Reed Conference Center, 5800  
Will Rogers Road, Midwest City,  
Oklahoma 73110.

**Contact:** Joe Crosby

Tel: +1 405 749 0939

jocrosby@cox.net

www.okcsc.org

### JULY 4

#### UK

**Midpex 2015**

**Venue:** Warwickshire Exhibition  
Centre, The Fosse, Fosse Way,  
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire  
CV31 1XN.

**Contact:** Bryan Jones

Tel: 0121 744 7673

baj73@btinternet.com

www.midpex.co.uk

### JULY 17-18

#### UK

**National Postal History**

**Competition**

**Venue:** The Grandstand, York  
Racecourse, York YO23 1EX.

**Contact:** ABPS Exhibitions, c/o RPSL,  
41 Devonshire Street, London W1G 6JY  
exhibiting@abps.org.uk  
www.abps.org.uk

### AUGUST 13-17

#### SINGAPORE

### Singapore 2015

**Venue:** Marina Bay Sands Expo &  
Convention Center, Marina Bay,  
Singapore.

**Contact:** Singapex

info@singapore2015.com

www.singapore2015.com

### AUGUST 20-23

#### USA

**APS StampShow 2015**

**Venue:** DeVos Place, 303 Monroe  
Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
49503.

**Contact:** Barb Johnson

Tel: +1 814 933 3803 ext 217

Fax: +1 814 933 6128

stampshow@stamps.org

www.stamps.org

### SEPTEMBER 3-6

#### GERMANY

**Germany/Great Britain Bilateral**

**Exhibition**

**Venue:** Winter Palace, 99867 Gotha.

**Contact:** Graham Winters, 110  
Oakenshaw Lane, Walton, West  
Yorkshire WF2 6NL.

Tel: 01924 259713 or 07581 792340

j.g.winters@hotmail.co.uk

www.bsv-gotha.de

### OCTOBER 16-18

#### IRELAND

**Stampa 2015 Irish National Stamp**

**Exhibition**

**Venue:** Serpentine Hall, Royal Dublin  
Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

**Contact:** Stampa, PO Box 2723,

Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2, Republic of  
Ireland

info@stampa.ie

www.stampa.ie

### OCTOBER 23-25

#### NEW ZEALAND

**Capital Stamp Show 2015**

**Venue:** TSB Bank Arena, 4 Queens  
Wharf, Wellington 6011.

**Contact:** PO Box 2146, Wellington

6140, New Zealand

www.nzpf.org.nz/exhibitions/capital-

stamp-show-2015

### OCTOBER 29-31

#### GERMANY

**Sindelfingen International**

**Stamp Fair**

**Venue:** Messe Sindelfingen,  
Mahdentalstrasse 116, Wurttemberg.

**Contact:** Messe Sindelfingen

Tel: +49 7031 7910

Fax: +49 7031 791102

kontakt@messe-sindelfingen.de

www.messe-sindelfingen.de

### OCTOBER 30-

#### NOVEMBER 1

#### SWEDEN

#### Nordia 2015

**Venue:** Täby Park Hotel & Conference  
Centre, Kemistvägen 30, 187 28 Täby,  
Stockholm.

**Contact:** Chris King, UK

Commissioner

chris.king@postalhistory.net

www.nordia2015.se

### NOVEMBER 12-15

#### GREECE

**Notos 2015 Multinational**

**Exhibition**

**Venue:** Peristeri Exhibition Centre,  
Dodekanisou 106, 12135 Peristeri,  
Athens.

**Contact:** Hellenic Philatelic Society

www.hps.gr/notos2015

notos2015@hps.gr

### NOVEMBER 20-23

#### HONG KONG 2015

**Asian International Stamp**

**Exhibition**

**Venue:** Hall 5G, Hong Kong  
Convention & Exhibition Centre,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong.

**Contact:** Hong Kong Philatelic

Society, GPO Box 446, Hong Kong

hkpsociety@yahoo.com

www.hongkong2015stampexpo.com

### DECEMBER 3-5

#### MONACO

**Monacophil 2015**

**Venue:** Musée des Timbres et des  
Monnaies, 11 Terrasses de Fontvieille,  
98000 Monaco.

**Contact:** Patrick Maselis, General  
Commissioner

Tel: +32 474 84 84 39

patrick@maselis.be

www.monacophil.eu

### JANUARY 22-24

#### USA

**Sandical**

**Venue:** Al-Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440  
Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego,  
California 92111.

**Contact:** Linda Mabin

Tel: +1 619 582 9311

mabin7@cox.net

www.sandical.org



ABOVE: Due to building works at the Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Salisbury, this year's Salisbury Stamp Show is being held in Andover. Why not combine your trip with a visit to the nature reserve around the restored Rooksbury Mill?



## UK & WORLDWIDE AUCTION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH 11

#### AJH STAMPS

**Venue:** Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire BB5 5JP.  
**Contact:** The Laurels, Manchester Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 2PF  
Tel: 01254 393740  
sales@ajhstamps.co.uk  
www.ajhstamps.co.uk

### MARCH 11

#### GROSVENOR

**Trevor Collection of St Lucia Rand Collection of the 1935 Silver Jubilee Issue**  
**Venue:** 399-401 Strand, London WC2R 0LT.  
**Contact:** Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions  
Tel: 020 7379 8789  
Fax: 020 7379 9737  
info@grosvenor-auctions.co.uk  
www.grosvenor-auctions.com

### MARCH 16

#### SOLER Y LLACH

**Venue:** Beethoven, 13-08021 Barcelona, Spain.  
**Contact:** Soler y Llach  
Tel: +34 93 201 87 33  
Fax: +34 93 202 33 06  
info@soleryllach.com  
www.soleryllach.com

### MARCH 18

#### SPINK

**Rhodesia Double Head Issue from the Vestey Collection**  
**Venue:** 69 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 4ET.  
**Contact:** Tel: 020 7563 4000  
info@spink.com  
www.spink.com

### MARCH 20-21

#### HELLMAN

**Venue:** Hotel Crowne Plaza, Mannerheimintie 50, 00260 Helsinki, Finland.  
**Contact:** Philatelic Service of Finland  
Tel: +358 2 2547200  
Fax: +358 2 2547220  
myynti@filateliapalvelu.com  
www.filateliapalvelu.com

### MARCH 24-28

#### HEINRICH KÖHLER

**Venue:** Wilhelmstrasse 48/1, 65183 Wiesbaden, Germany.  
**Contact:** Heinrich Köhler  
Tel: +49 611 39381.  
Fax: +49 611 39384.  
info@heinrich-koehler.de  
www.heinrich-koehler.de

### MARCH 27-28

#### POSTILJONEN

**Venue:** Hotel Savoy, Norra Vallgatan

62, SE-211 22 Malmö, Sweden.  
**Contact:** Postiljonen AB, Box 537, S-201 25 Malmö, Sweden  
Tel: +46 40 25 88 50  
Fax: +46 40 25 88 59  
stampauctions@postiljonen.se  
www.postiljonen.se

### MARCH 30

#### ROBERT MURRAY

**Venue:** Stewart's Melville Club Pavilion, 523 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DW.  
**Contact:** Robert Murray Stamp Shop, 5-6 Inverleith Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 5PU  
Tel: 0131 552 1220  
murray@stamp-shop.com  
www.stamp-shop.com

### APRIL 8

#### AJH STAMPS

**Venue:** Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire BB5 5JP.  
**Contact:** The Laurels, Manchester Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 2PF  
Tel: 01254 393740  
sales@ajhstamps.co.uk  
www.ajhstamps.co.uk

### APRIL 8

#### WARWICK & WARWICK

**Venue:** Greville Suite, Lord Leycester Hotel, Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EJ.

**Contact:** Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road, Warwick CV34 5DB  
Tel: 01926 499031  
info@warwickandwarwick.com  
www.warwickandwarwick.com

### APRIL 11

#### BIL & CO

**Venue:** Washingborough Community Centre, Fen Road, Washingborough, Lincoln LN4 1AB.  
**Contact:** Bil Tilbury  
Tel: 01400 230769  
billtilbury@btinternet.com  
www.bilandco.co.uk

### APRIL 11

#### EPSOM STAMP CO

**Venue:** St George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2DA.  
**Contact:** Epsom Stamp Company, 23 Waterloo Road, Epsom KT19 8EX  
Tel: 01372 720051  
info@epsomstamp.co.uk  
www.epsomstamp.co.uk

### APRIL 12

#### PROVINCIAL PHILATELICS

**Venue:** 90 Park Road, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8QR.  
**Contact:** Provincial Philatelics  
Tel/Fax: 01235 511083  
www.provincialphilatelics.co.uk

## ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POSTAL SALES

### APEX

Tel: 01342 833413  
info@apexstamps.com  
www.apexstamp.com

### COUNTY

county@stampauctions.co.uk  
www.stampauctions.co.uk

### MOWBRAY

Tel: +64 6 364 8270  
mowbray.stamps@xtra.co.nz  
www.mowbrays.co.nz

### SANDAFAYRE

Tel: 01565 653214  
stamp@sandafayre.com  
www.sandafayre.com

### UNIVERSAL

Tel: 01451 861111  
info@upstampauctions.co.uk  
www.upstampauctions.co.uk

### VANCE

Tel: +1 905 957 3364  
mail@vanceauctions.com  
www.vanceauctions.com

## ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ONLINE SALES

### DALKEITH

www.dalkeith-auctions.co.uk

### DELCAMPE

www.delcampe.net

### MCCUSKER

www.jamesmccusker.com

### MOWBRAY

www.mowbrays.co.nz

### PHILATINO

www.philatino.com

### RASMUSSEN

www.bruun-rasmussen.dk

### REGENCY

www.regencystamps.com

### ROGERS

www.michaelrogersinc.com

### SAMMARINESE

www.filsam.com

### SANDAFAYRE

www.sandafayre.com

### SKANFIL

www.skanfil.no

### STAMP CENTER

www.thestampcenter.com

### STAMPFAIR

www.stampfair.com

### STANLEY GIBBONS

www.stanleygibbons.com

### TORRES

www.antoniotorres.com

### TRAFFORD BOOKS

www.traffordbooks.co.uk

## LOT TO BE DESIRED

Soler y Llach's auction of worldwide postal history includes this intriguing registered cover from Ethiopia to London, which is franked with a range of Ethiopia stamps of 1/6m, 1/4m, 1/2m, 1m and 2m values and cancelled in Addis Ababa on March 24, 1930.

Although the flight is not recorded in the usual reference works, there are reports that the French pilot Andre Maillet flew from Ethiopia to Djibouti on this date with the Vicomtesse Violette de Sibour (the British-born daughter of the department store owner Gordon Selfridge), carrying a small number of covers addressed to Great Britain.

This lot has a pre-sale estimate of about £133.





To include an event in this listing, we need at least two months' notice.  
Send details to What's On, *Stamp Magazine*, MyTimeMedia Ltd,  
Enterprise House, Enterprise Way, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6HG.  
E-mail: [guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com](mailto:guy.thomas@mytimemedia.com)

## UK FAIR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### MARCH 12 PLYMOUTH (stamps)

**Venue:** Guildhall, Armada Way, PL1 2ER.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Solent Stamps  
Tel: 01489 582673

### MARCH 13 CLYST ST GEORGE (stamps)

**Venue:** Parish Hall, Woodbury Road, EX3 0RE.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Solent Stamps  
Tel: 01489 582673

### MARCH 14 BRISTOL (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, BS11 9TX.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Noble Fairs  
Tel: 07599 001101

### COLWYN BAY (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Eirias High School, Eirias Road, LL29 7SP.  
**Time:** 9.30am-3pm

**Contact:** S J Chapman  
Tel: 01745 826434

### HASTINGS (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Christ Church, London Road, St Leonard's on Sea, TN37 6GL.  
**Time:** 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** Chris Rapley  
Tel: 07711 677760

### NORTON (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Norton Methodist Church Hall, High Street, TS20 2QQ.  
**Time:** 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Contact:** Northern Stamp & Postcard Fairs  
Tel: 01904 701464

### RUISLIP (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road, HA4 7DQ.  
**Time:** 10am-4.30pm  
**Contact:** David Milton  
Tel: 01895 637283

### UPMINSTER (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** St Lawrence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, RM14 2AJ.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Graham O'Hara  
Tel: 07710 683122

### WESTON SUPER MARE (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Victoria Methodist Church Hall, Station Road, BS23 1XU.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Michael Hale  
Tel: 01749 677669

### MARCH 15 ALTRINCHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Cresta Court Hotel, Church Street, WA14 4DP.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** R Cudworth  
Tel: 01484 866777

### AMERSHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Jubilee Scout Hall, Rectory Hill, HP7 0BT.  
**Time:** 10am-4.30pm  
**Contact:** David Milton  
Tel: 01895 637283

### MARCH 21 KENILWORTH (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Kenilworth School, Leyes Lane, CV8 2DA.  
**Time:** 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** JRS Fairs  
Tel: 01785 259350

### ROSS ON WYE (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Units 1 & 2, Cantilupe Court, Cantilupe Road, HR9 7AN.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** BSA Auctions  
Tel: 01989 769529

### SITTINGBOURNE (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Carmel Hall, Upton Lane, off West Street, ME10 1JB.  
**Time:** 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** Chris Rapley  
Tel: 07711 677760

### MARCH 22 BEXLEY (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** The Freemantle Hall, Bexley High Street, DA5 1AA.

**Time:** 9.30am-3pm  
**Contact:** Lorne Webb  
Tel: 01424 751518

### FARNHAM (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Village Hall, Wings Road, Upper Hale, GU9 0HN.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Solent Stamps  
Tel: 01489 582673

### KNOWLE (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** The Village Hall, St John's Close, B93 0NH.  
**Time:** 9.30am-3pm  
**Contact:** Dave Burnett  
Tel: 07765 792998

### NEWHAVEN (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Denton Social Centre, Denton, BN9 0PX.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** E G Langdon  
Tel: 01273 514733

### MARCH 28 BECKENHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Azelia Hall, Croydon Road, BR3 4DA.  
**Time:** 9.30am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** R&L Stamps  
Tel: 020 8395 9285

### BRIDGWATER (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Westfield United Reformed Church Hall, West Street, TA6 7EU.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** David Lowe  
Tel: 01278 691755

### EASTBOURNE (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** St Mary's Church Hall, Decoy Drive, Hampden Park, BN22 9PP.  
**Time:** 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** Chris Rapley  
Tel: 07711 677760

### EAST MALLING (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** East Malling Village Hall, New Road, ME19 6DD.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** [MallingStampClubkentphilately@aol.com](mailto:MallingStampClubkentphilately@aol.com)

### GREAT BARR (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, Peasey, B43 7NF.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Dave Burnett  
Tel: 07765 792998

### KEYNSHAM (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** The Fear Institute, Keynsham High Street, BS31 1DG.  
**Time:** 9.30am-4pm  
**Contact:** Kevin Noble Fairs  
Tel: 07599 001101

### NORTHAMPTON (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** The Abbey Centre, Overslade Close, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Dave Foster  
Tel: 0115 9614528

### THATCHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

**Venue:** The Kennet School, Stoney Lane, RG19 4LL.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Graeme Stewart  
Tel: 01635 866942

### WANSTEAD (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Wanstead Library, Spratt Hall Road, E11 2RQ.  
**Time:** 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Graham O'Hara  
Tel: 07710 683122

### MARCH 29 CHELTENHAM (stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** The Regency Hotel, Gloucester Road, Steventon, GL51 0ST.  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Mark Grimsley  
Tel: 0117 9623203

### FELBRIDGE (stamps, postal history, postcards)





**Venue:** Felbridge Village Hall,  
Crawley Down Road, RH19 2NT.  
Time: 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** Chris Rapley  
Tel: 07711 677760

**SOUTHPORT**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Royal Clifton Hotel,  
The Promenade, PR8 1RB.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** R Cudworth  
Tel: 01484 866777

**STEVENAGE**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Novotel, Knebworth  
Park, SG1 2AX.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Graham O'Hara  
Tel: 07710 683122

**APRIL 1  
NEATH**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Town Hall, SA11 3LL.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Dragon  
Collectors' Fairs  
Tel: 01522 857343

**APRIL 2  
CARDIFF**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Methodist Church,  
Nottingham Street, CF5 1JP.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Dragon  
Collectors' Fairs  
Tel: 01522 857343

**APRIL 3  
ROCHESTER**  
(stamps, postal history,

postcards)

**Venue:** Masonic Hall,  
Gundulph Square, ME1 1QD.  
Time: 10am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** Chris Rapley  
Tel: 07711 677760

**APRIL 4  
HUDDERSFIELD**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** St Thomas Community  
Centre, Manchester Road,  
Longroyd Bridge, HD1 3HU.  
Time: 9.30am-4pm  
**Contact:** A Campbell  
Tel: 01484 681559

**LEICESTER**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** The Holiday Inn,  
Derby Room,  
St Nicholas Circle, LE1 5LX.  
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** John Suschitzky  
Tel: 0116 2350441

**LICHFIELD**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Boley Park Community  
Hall, Ryknild Street,  
WS14 9XU.  
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** JRS Fairs  
Tel: 01785 259350

**RAWRETH**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Parish Hall, Church  
Lane, SS11 8SH.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Steve Search  
Tel: 01702 323682

**REDBOURN**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Redbourn Village Hall,  
63 High Street, AL3 7LW.

Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Graham O'Hara  
Tel: 07710 683122

**STOURBRIDGE**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Platters Café, Victoria  
Street, DY8 1SP.  
Time: 9.30am-2pm  
**Contact:** Chris Proctor  
Tel: 07813260752

**SWINDON**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Western Community  
Centre, Somerset Road,  
Rodbourne Cheney, SN2 1NF.  
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm  
**Contact:** V R Bullock  
Tel: 07507 121990

**APRIL 5  
ALTRINCHAM**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Cresta Court Hotel,  
Church Street, WA14 4DP.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** R Cudworth  
Tel: 01484 866777

**CARDIFF**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Methodist Church,  
Nottingham Street, CF5 1JP.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Dragon  
Collectors' Fairs  
Tel: 01522 857343

**TAPLOW**  
(stamps, postcards, covers)

**Venue:** Taplow & Hitcham  
Woman's Institute Hall,  
Institute Road, SL6 0NS.  
Time: 10am-4.30pm



**Contact:** David Milton  
Tel: 01895 637283

**APRIL 6  
AYLESBURY**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Holiday Inn, Aston  
Clinton Road, HP22 5AA.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** Graham O'Hara  
Tel: 07710 683122

**LOUGHBOROUGH**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Charnwood Bowls  
Club, Browns Lane, LE11 3HE.  
Time: 10am-4pm  
**Contact:** JRS Fairs  
Tel: 01785 259350

**APRIL 11  
ADDLESTONE**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Community Centre,

Garfield Road, KT15 2NJ.  
Time: 10am-4.30pm  
**Contact:** David Milton  
Tel: 01895 637283

**NORTON**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Norton Methodist  
Church Hall,  
High Street, TS20 2QQ  
Time: 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Contact:** Northern Stamp &  
Postcard Fairs  
Tel: 01904 701464

**MAIDSTONE**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Grove Green  
Community Centre, ME14 5BT.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Brian Stonestreet  
Tel: 01622 675784

**MANCHESTER**  
(stamps, postal history)

**Venue:** Sale Grammar School,  
Marstrand Road,  
Sale, M33 3NH.  
Time: 10am  
**Contact:** George Wewiora  
Tel: 0161 427 2101

**TELFORD**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** Belmont Community  
Hall, off Tan Bank Car Park,  
Wellington, TF1 1LU.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Bob Hemmings  
Tel: 01694 720192

**APRIL 12  
WOKINGHAM**  
(stamps, postal history,  
postcards)

**Venue:** St Crispins Leisure  
Centre, London Road, RG40 1SR.  
Time: 10am-3pm  
**Contact:** Nigel Stow  
Tel: 01923 674999





## SELECTED UK PHILATELIC SOCIETY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH 12 MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT PS Flight Around the Baltic by Paul Cahill

**Venue:** Mote Park Indoor Bowls Club, Willow Way, Maidstone ME15 7RN.  
**Time:** 10.30am  
**Contact:** Brian Stonestreet  
Tel: 01622 675784

### SHEFFIELD PS Royal Visits East & West by Keith Branigan

**Venue:** Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, S1 2JB.  
**Time:** 7.15-9.30pm  
**Contact:** G M Spring  
Tel: 0114 2685993

### MARCH 14 NATIONAL PS Antartica & Shackleton's Last Voyage by Tony Hoad

**Venue:** The Welsh Centre, 157-163 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8UE.  
**Time:** 2.45pm  
**Contact:**  
[www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps](http://www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps)

### MARCH 16 TAUNTON SC Visit by Nailsea Stamp &

**Postcard Club**  
**Venue:** Kilkeny Court, Clifton Terrace, Taunton TA2 7QL.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Tony Nicholson  
Tel: 01278 662702

### MARCH 17 BRADFORD & DISTRICT PS

**Austria by Paul Watkins**  
**Venue:** The Latvian Club, 5 Clifton Villas, Manningham Lane, BD8 7BY.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Judith Holder  
Tel: 01274 544 446

### SOLIHULL PS Birth of the Irish Republic by John Sussex

**Venue:** Solihull Cricket & Tennis Club, Marsh Lane, Solihull B91 2PF.  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Contact:** Paul Woodness  
Tel: 01564 776 879

### SPALDING & DISTRICT SC The Olympic Games by Joyce Boyer

**Venue:** The Constitutional Club, Ladies Room, Broad Street, Spalding PE11 1TB.

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Michelle Burton  
Tel: 01775 767464

### WESTON-SUPER- MARE PS

**Gibraltar by Susan Dare**  
**Venue:** Conservative Club, 24-26 Alexandra Parade, BS23 1QX.  
**Time:** 6.45pm  
**Contact:** John Stuchbery  
Tel: 01934 750421

### MARCH 18 BRITISH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY

**The Story of a Stamp  
by Colin Mount**  
**Venue:** The Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY.  
**Time:** 5.30pm  
**Contact:** Dr P G E Reid  
Tel: 01344 867311

### LYTHAM ST ANNES PS

**The President Entertains**  
**Venue:** The Drive Methodist Church Hall, East Bank Road, FY8 1ND.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Karen Evans  
Tel: 01253 310622

### POYNTON PS Faroe Islands by Arthur Jennion

**Venue:** Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Ron Phelps  
Tel: 01625 877643

### MARCH 19 BURNLEY & DISTRICT PS GB Postal History by Howard Hughes

**Venue:** Central Methodist Church, Hargreaves Street, Burnley BB11 1DU.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** B W Evans  
Tel: 01282 616156

### CALEDONIAN PS British Censorship of Civilian Mail in World War I by Graham Mark

**Venue:** Room GH542, Graham Hill Building, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow GHI 1XP.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Russell Walker  
Tel: 0141 6394212

### WOMBOURNE & DISTRICT PS Belgium Congo & Katanga

**by Gerald Marriner**  
**Venue:** Hand in Hand Men's Institute, Church Road, Wombourne, WV5 9EZ.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Jane Hill  
Tel: 01902 893600

### MARCH 20 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PS

**45-Sheet Miscellany**  
**Venue:** Society of Artists, 71 Friar Lane, Nottingham NG1 6DH.  
**Time:** 7.15pm  
**Contact:** Douglas Harvey  
Tel: 0115 9233858

### MARCH 24 LEEDS PS

**Ethiopia by D F Elliott**  
**Venue:** Northern Ballet, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7PA.  
**Time:** 6.45pm  
**Contact:** John A Edwards  
Tel: 01977 793566

### NORFOLK & NORWICH PS Cinderellas

**Venue:** The Church Centre, Chapelfield Road, Norwich NR2 1SD.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Peter Boyce  
Tel: 01692 407821

### MARCH 25 BROMLEY & BECKENHAM PS

**Postal History of Wakefield  
by Brian Asquith**  
**Venue:** Public Hall, Bromley Road, Beckenham BR3 5JE.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Davie Rennie  
Tel: 020 8778 7009

### MARCH 26 BRISTOL PS Russia 1858-1953 by Graham Rankin

**Venue:** Redland Park United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road, BS6 6SA.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** John Roe  
Tel: 01454 776975

### MARCH 31 BRADFORD & DISTRICT PS

**Postage Due & All That Jazz  
by Ken Young**  
**Venue:** The Latvian Club, 5 Clifton Villas, Manningham Lane, BD8 7BY.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Judith Holder  
Tel: 01274 544 446

### SOLIHULL PS New South Wales

**Centennial Issue  
by B Palmer**  
**Venue:** Solihull Cricket & Tennis Club, Marsh Lane, Solihull B91 2PF.  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Contact:** Paul Woodness  
Tel: 01564 776 879

### APRIL 1 POYNTON PS GB Used in Malta by John Birkett Alan

**Venue:** North Room, Poynton Community Centre, 107 Park Lane, SK12 1RB.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Ron Phelps  
Tel: 01625 877643

### WAKEFIELD PS Australian Disaster Mail

**Venue:** The Wakefield Sea Cadets Headquarters, Thornes Wharf, Thornes Lane, WF1 5DW.  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Contact:** Brian Hitchcock  
Tel: 01924 271218

### APRIL 2 KINGSTON & DISTRICT PS

**Kingdom of Hanover  
by Frank Simpson**  
**Venue:** Surbiton Library New Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton KT6 6AF.  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Contact:** Brian Sole  
Tel: 01932 220677

### WOMBOURNE & DISTRICT PS Captain Bligh by Alyn Peel

**Venue:** Hand in Hand Men's Institute, Church Road, Wombourne, Wolverhampton WV5 9EZ.  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Contact:** Jane Hill  
Tel: 01902 893600

### APRIL 7 LEEDS PS Malaya by M Waugh

**Venue:** Northern Ballet, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7PA.  
**Time:** 6.45pm  
**Contact:** John A Edwards  
Tel: 01977 793566

### APRIL 8 BEDFORD PS Another Bloody Railway Part 2, 1918-1940 by Peter & Rosemary Pugh

**Venue:** The Bunyan Meeting Free Church, Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU.  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Contact:** Julia Barnard  
Tel: 01234 765092

## SOCIETY FOR POLISH PHILATELY

New members are always welcome at the Society for Polish Philately, which meets on the third Sunday of every month at the White Eagle Club in 211 Balham High Road, London SW17 7BQ, from 4pm-6pm.

The society aims to promote Polish culture and inform future generations about Polish history and personalities. It publishes a quarterly bulletin called *Dylizans*, and has a long tradition of producing commemorative covers using British stamps with perforated initials.

It can trace its own history back 75 years, to when the first Polish philatelic circles in Britain were founded by refugees and soldiers after the German invasion of Poland in 1940. They were first resettled in Edinburgh and Glasgow, before being moved to southern England. Many of the early members stayed in Britain after the war, and were joined by British collectors. There are also many overseas enthusiasts among the today's membership of 110.

For details contact the Chairman, Jan Korzeniowski. Tel: 01322 273072.



ABOVE: Members of the Society for Polish Philately meeting in London this year



# QUALITY STAMPS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES



Great Britain & Commonwealth stamps-all periods.  
Whether collecting for investment, pleasure or both.



TELEPHONE 01752 934334  
OR SEND OFF THE COUPON  
BELOW  
TO RECEIVE A SELECTION  
WITH  
NO OBLIGATION TO  
BUY.

- ☐ Many Satisfied Customers
- ☐ Friendly & Efficient Service
- ☐ No Obligation
- ☐ Selections tailored to you
- ☐ Established in 2000
- ☐ Postage Paid Both Ways
- ☐ Cheques/Credit/Debit cards accepted



We offer a pleasurable way of collecting where you can view stamps at your own leisure.

Just pay for the stamps you want and return the rest.  
An ideal way to start/expand your collection.

Name.....  
Address.....  
.....Tel no.....

Interests: (circle as appropriate) Great Britain Commonwealth Mint Used Victoria Edward 7th George 5th George 6th Elizabeth

Send to : Millstamps 14 The Spinney Ivybridge Devon PL21 9TU 01752 934334



 **GP KEEF Philatelist**  
**JOIN THE MANY SATISFIED COLLECTORS**

who receive our selection of stamps on approval each month from this old established firm who have supplied collectors for over 85 years. Beginners welcome as well as more advanced collectors.

**SEND NOW FOR 14 days approvals  
 20% discount on our prices over £5.00**

NAME (Mr. Mrs. Miss) .....

ADDRESS .....

..... Post Code .....

Collection Interests .....

Stamp Magazine **G P KEEF, 14 CHURCH STREET, WILLINGTON,  
 EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX BN20 9HR**

**A QUALITY 21 DAY APPROVAL SERVICE**

for Stamp Collectors who appreciate selections of all different monthly sendings compiled to suit their individual needs.

• **COMMONWEALTH • GB • CHANNEL ISLES**  
**GERMANY & FRANCE ALL PERIODS**

NO STAMP REPEATED, DIFFERENT SELECTION EACH TIME  
 GENEROUS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO REGULAR CLIENTS  
*Wants Lists are welcomed*

 Please return coupon fully completed for my immediate response

Name .....

Address .....

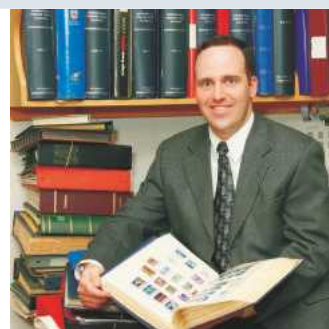
Home tel. ....

Interests .....

To: Reg Atkinson, 30 The Avenue, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 7DE  
 Tel: 020 8954 4028

## “Looking for collections or large lots?”

Each of our sales offers hundreds of worldwide collections, stocks, box lots, and accumulations. Contact us today for your FREE colour catalogue or view it online at



**www.vanceauctions.com**

**VANCE AUCTIONS LTD.**

P.O. Box 267W, Smithville,  
 Ontario, Canada L0R 2A0  
 Telephone: 905-957-3364  
 Fax: 905-957-0100  
 mail@vanceauctions.com



## SERIOUS BUYER...

Every year I travel hundreds of miles throughout the UK, Europe and Scandinavia, buying stocks, collections and accumulation. And I've been doing this since 1970.

### WHAT DO I BUY?

I buy virtually anything in stamps and covers, from specialised one country collections to general lots and accumulations, from better quality single items to complete dealer's stocks. If it's philatelic, I'm interested.

### WHY SELL TO ME?

For **FOUR** very good reasons:

**ACCURATE VALUATIONS** I have over thirty years full time experience as a major buyer in the stamp trade, and I buy from all the main UK & Continental auction houses. I make accurate, efficient valuations based on the very latest market values.

**FAIR VALUATIONS** I work on high turnover with low profit margins which means I must buy - and I pay the top market price to make sure I do. I cannot afford to waste my time and yours by making unrealistic offers which will not stand comparison.

**IMMEDIATE PAYMENT** All my offers are backed by immediate payment.

We agree a price and you get paid there and then. It's that simple.

**HOME VISITS** I travel extensively, which means I can easily arrange to view bulky, valuable collections in your own home - at no extra cost to you. And finally...

I buy most of my material from auction, usually at well below my "top price".

If those people had sold directly to me they would have been paid more, paid immediately and would not have paid commission or gone to any other expense.

**Think about it - and then give me a ring.**

See me at:

20th March, Royal National Hotel London

21st March, Kenilworth

4th April, Lichfield

10th April, Royal National Hotel London

Member of Philatelic Traders Society

**JOHN CURTIN LIMITED**

(International Stamp Dealer)

PO Box 31, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 6HS

Tel: 01932 785635 Fax: 01932 770523 (24 hour)

E-mail: jcbuying@btinternet.com



APHV



ASDA

**NEW WEBSITE**

**WWW.JCSTAMPS.CO.UK**



**SAM.1. POLAND** - small general collection, include - Nazi Occupation Concentration Camp issue inscribed 'Judenpost' for Lodz Ghetto (Litzmanstadt) 10pf Green (unused). We cannot guarantee this item but remainder of the collection all seem OK Cheap Price ..... £8.75

**SJ120 MEDICAL** Stamps with specialised lot of Anti-TB and Red Cross stamps. Also Anti-Malaria stamps Red Cross stamps back to the 1940s or earlier up to more recent. With nursing, doctors and all forms of medicine. A most interesting subject rarely offered for sale ideal for anyone with some medical knowledge to form a valuable collection ..... Price £7

**SJ42 ZEPPELINS:** Impressive thematic collection of Zeppelins on stamps with airships & balloons. about 100 stamps ..... Price £5

**G.114 A WORLDWIDE COVERS & FDC'S** Fantastic Accumulation of Commercial & Philatelic covers & FDC's including special pmks, early to modern with Air Mails, Sea Mail, commemorative covers, noted designer signed. Local posts, Islands Post, an unsorted group of about 100 covers ..... Price £21.00

**G85 CARS ON STAMPS.** Impressive thematic collection the ideal collection for anyone interested in automobiles, all sorts from vintage classics to super speed racing cars. Several hundred different cars on stamps ..... Price £11

**SAM.26 AUSTRIA & HUNGARY** - Mostly used, some mint, several hundred diff ..... Price £8

**G126 WORKS OF ART.** The rarities of the world's most famous art galleries at your fingertips. A superb collection of famous paintings on stamps, over a thousand different not counting duplicates or miniature sheets ..... Price £21

**RS2a UNIFORMS.** Mainly military. Hundreds different ..... Price £12

**Let K2 GREAT BRITAIN. UNMOUNTED MINT COMMEMORATIVES & DEFINITIVES UNSORTED ACCUMULATION.** Items noted include Traffic Light Gutter Pair Missing Phosphor Error coil strips. Well over 500 stamps, only unmounted mint ..... Price £18

**R45 MINIATURE SHEETS & Souvenir Sheets,** various different GB (Exhibition sheets) FOREIGN, odd Brit. Commonwealth. Total of 50+ different (Mainly Foreign) Min sheets ..... Price £8

**SJ132 GREAT BRITAIN.** British Postal Strike 1971 - Emergency Overprints on Local Carriage Labels printed by Harrison and Sons for use in Southampton. The complete unmt. Mint set of six stamps 3 x 1/-, 2/-, 6/-, 7/6d ..... Price £1.50

**G23A OLYMPIC GAMES** Enormous lot, not counting duplicates, there must be over 500 stamps - an outstanding collection ..... Price £11

**NY146 ENTOMOLOGY:** One of the most unusual thematic subjects we have ever seen, insects on stamps. Hundreds of them ..... Price £7

**R.49 SOUTH EAST ASIA** - enormous lot, with some complete sheets unmt. - mint, mass of singles. Dates back to 1898, to modern mainly different used stamps. About 1600-1700 stamps of which at least 1300 must be different ..... Price £32

**SJ53a BARDSEY ISLAND.** (Welsh Local Issue) A superb specialised group of Unmounted Mint (complete sets) Stamps from this small Welsh island rarely get offered for sale ..... Price £7.00

**OFFER A** - From the remainder of a Liquidated Stamp Dealer's stock, a massive amount including, sheets, Great Britain including Locals, British Commonwealth, Foreign, Mint used covers, FDC and pre packs. We counted up to £1,500 worth of cat value and then got tired and gave up counting. Clearance Price ..... Price £75.00

**NY124 THE THREE KINGS** King George V, King ED. VII and King George VI. A collection of British Colonials. UNMOUNTED MINT STAMPS. In singles and blocks. Approximately 100+ stamps, low price to clear ..... Price £12.00

**W37 ISRAEL** - An impressive collection of Israel, comprising of illustrated official first day covers (all unaddressed). Also noted - miniature sheets, including: 1949 Coins mini sheet. Catalogued £170 (possible forgery this item "as is" not guaranteed.) Following on with many genuine unmounted mint Israel stamps including plate number blocks, multiples and singles with tabs. A valuable and impressive collection ..... Price £25

**EUR 33 EUROPA** - A specialised European thematic Collection of Europa stamps, spanning from the 1950's to more modern stamps. Includes Italy, France, Germany, Iceland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Netherlands, G.B. Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Swiss, Finland, Greece, Sweden. Also scarcer local issues for Channel Islands and Isle of Man. Hundreds of all different Europa Stamps, mainly fine used, but mini noted ..... Price £17

**FR 229 FRANCE & COLS** - A smashing collection of France with French Colonies & Ex Colonies. Mainly Commemorative stamps in singles and blocks. Some unmounted mint, but mostly fine used. A lovely collection with many engraved stamps; several hundreds, mostly different ..... Price £21

**BX 486 BOXING** - A fine collection of Boxing Stamps Over 80 Stamps in blocks and singles, including champion boxers such as Muhammad

Ali. Mainly fine cto used, mint noted, with Great Britain Royal Mail 2012 Olympic Games Gold Medal Boxing Stamps. .... Price £9.75

**HP 19A IRAQ WAR COVER** - Extremely rare War in Iraq commemorative cover for the fall of Tikrit. Only 150 of this cover, depicting Saddam Hussein, ever existed. We understand many were damaged and destroyed, it is likely on a few covers survived. The cover bears a GB QEII stamp, postmarked with circular London SHC 15 April 2003 Pmk. Together with Iraq stamp overprinted "In British Occupation" This stamp is tied to the cover with a rectangular "Liberation of Iraq 15-04-03 THE FALL OF TIKRIT". Cachet in purple. A very rare Iraq War Cover in superb condition ..... Price £26

**LU 328 LUNDY ISLAND** - A superb collection of unmounted mint British local stamps of Lundy Island in blocks, large multiples and singles + miniature sheet. Starts off with King George VI period. "Lundy & Atlantic Coasts Air Lines Ltd. "Following on to puffin stamps overprinted with 1950s & 1960s stamps on to more recent. With lots of "Puffin" stamps, definitives, commemoratives & Air Mail stamps. Hundreds of unmounted mint Lundy Stamps ..... Price £27.50

**B COM 434 ORNITHOLOGY** - A fantastic thematic collection of British Commonwealth BIRDS stamps. Only Unmounted Mint in multiples and single stamps. Several Hundred Brit. Commonwealth Bird Stamps including High Value (£) pound & (\$) Dollar stamps in blocks Price £39

**CR 781 CRICKET** - A valuable specialised collection of cricket stamps & scarce cricket covers, including signed covers autographed by famous cricketers. Comprising of Unmounted Mint Great Britain and British Commonwealth Stamps in blocks of four or singles with several high value (\$) Dollar values. Approx 18 cricket covers including scarce autographed covers & a quantity of Unmt. Mint Cricket Stamps ..... Price £25

**PM 84 MARGARET THATCHER** - The very scarce mourning cover for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. One of the scarcest political covers. Only 50 ever in existence, mostly now in collectors hands and rarely offered for sale. With "Iron Lady" illustration and official Royal Mail 8th April 2013. Big Ben postmark price ..... Price £13.25

**KG 833 MONACO** A superior collection of only unmounted mint Monaco stamps. We rarely have collections from this small European Principality. Over 100 different, unmounted mint Monaco stamps ..... Price £13.50

**FA16 - FALKLAND ISLANDS** Scarce Referendum Cover - A rare and unusual cover for the Falkland Islands Referendum. The illustrated Falklands flag cover is inscribed 11/3/2013 Falkland Islanders vote on Self Determination. The cover bears a British Q.E.2 stamp with double penguin postmark dates 11/3/2013 Shetland PO. It also has a Falkland Islands referendum stamp and Argentine War "Malvinas" ovpt stamp, both tied to the cover with Green Cachet "Falklands Referendum NO to Malvinas. 99.8% vote in favour of remaining with U.K. 11/3/2013" only 50 of rare covers are known to exist ..... Price £18.50

**PER 5 - PERSIA & IRAN** - A fine collection of several hundred Persia & Iran stamps, includes mint and used dating back to early engraved "Shah" stamps to more modern issues. Several Hundred different stamps, a good collection to build upon ..... Price £14

**C545 - WORLD COLLECTION** - A great starter lot, with mint & used stamps also noted: miniature sheets, phg cards and several fdc's. Several hundred different world wide stamps plus other items ..... Low price to clear Price £9.75

**GB.51 - GREAT BRITAIN SCARCE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN COMMEM.** Cover Bearing the Abram Games stamp designer official Royal Mail Commem. Stamp cancelled with iconic Festival of Britain 25/3/14 Postmark. The cover also bears the complete King George VI 1951 Festival stamps with black cachet "G.P.O. 1951 Festival of Britain Official Stamp Issue" The edition was limited to only 100 of these important covers ..... Price £11.25

**MC.334 - MUSIC** - An awesome & valuable collection of music stamps begins with an orchestra of musical instrument stamps. The specialist classical section includes: Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Bartok. Also jazz and popmusic stamps, with Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Oasis, Marlene Dietrich. With G.B. Royal Mail stamps of Freddy Mercury, The Beatles and Pink Floyd. A multiple of other issues for Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Michael Jackson, Kylie Minogue, Elvis Presley and many more > Hundreds of stamps - mint and used with several miniature sheets. The best Music collection we have ever seen ..... Price £29.25

**J18 GREAT BRITAIN SCARCE WORLD WAR I COVER** - A scarce commemorative cover for the Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the accepted incident that initiated World War I. The cover bears GB Royal Mail, British Legion commem issue with official Royal Mail postmark inscribed: "Outbreak of World War I - 1914 - 1918 Westminster Abbey dated 1/1/2014" Additionally the cover also bears Austro Hungarian military stamp with blue cachet "Bosnien Herzegowina Franz Ferdinand 1914 - 2014 Sarajevo" The Scarce cover was a severely restricted issue of only 75 covers and hard to locate ..... Price £15

**KG VL 23 KENYA, UGANDA & TANGANYIKA.** King George VI impressive Stamp Error. The 1c. Black & Red Brown Flamingo definitive stamp with impressive colour shift of the black colour (King George VI head) shifted to the left revealing a white area on the right of the oval frames interior superb unmt. Mint King George VI error ..... Price £4.75

**G104 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH** Rare High Value illustrated Gutter Pair FDCs personally signed by the DESIGNER of the stamps. Several of these which form part of a specialised collection of "Royal Baby" FDCs both unsigned and signed. Also various Royal Wedding PHQ Cards all pmks, illust. First Day Issue Countries include St Lucia, Montserrat, St Vincent, Nevis, Tuvalu, St Kitts, Kiribati. An impressive valuable collection ..... Price £17.00

**R28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PROOFS:** A specialised and most valuable collection of Printers PROOF STAMPS & PROGRESSIVE PROOF STAMPS some stuck down on special Printers Cards together with Official authorised verification & check signatures. Rarely does such a precious collection get offered for sale, a total of TWENTY PROGRESSIVE PROOFS plus various Proofs. .... Price £42.00

**E56 LUNDY ISLAND** - A VAST HOARD of Unmounted Mint Sheets, blocks, multiples includes imprints gutter pairs etc from 1953 to about 1962 - Heavy duplicated Mass, must be 600+ stamps ..... Price £35

**E.62 BRITISH COLONIAL.** King George VI - Accumulation only Unmounted Mint, singles, locks & multiples, must be hundreds Unmtd Mint ..... Price £21.00

**SJ92 GREAT BRITAIN 1961 POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ERROR ON SG624.** (3d value). A most impressive and amusing error due to a shift of the Orange colour, the owl in the top right-hand corner of the stamp has turned and is looking sideways. Unusual to find such an impressive error turn up over 44 years after it was issued. We can offer the shifty-eye owl error, unmounted mint, (together with normal stamp for comparison) ..... Price £8.00

**RD32 IRAQ WAR** . Rare operation Red Dawn - Iraq War cover. Issued for the capture of Saddam Hussein. The illustrated cover bears a Royal Mail Tower Bridge Stamp with illustrated Tower Hill Postmark, dated 13th December 2003. The cover also bears an Iraq Saddam Hussein stamp tied to the cover with black cachet inscribed "Ad Dawr Iraq December 2003" in English and Arabic. Originally the cover issue was only 100 covers but few are believed to still exist outside collectors hands ..... Price £21

**BRP 73. BRITISH PACIFIC ISLANDS** . A glorious collection of stamps and covers from the British Pacific Islands. Including unmounted mint in blocks and singles with used stamps and fdc's, dating back to King George VI but mostly more recent issues. Countries noted include: Solomon Islands, Pitcairn, Norfolk Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Penrhyn, Kiribati, Christmas Island, Fiji, Nauru, Cook Islands, Papua and New Guinea. Plus others. Over 100 stamps and also several First Day Covers including scarce first day cover signed by the stamp designer. The whole collection ..... Price £18.50

**R339 HORSE RACING.** A fine specialised collection of Great Britain superbly illustrated commemorative horse racing covers; with Royal Mail Horse Racing stamps and official Royal Mail Jockey Club Postmarks. Includes Newmarket, Haydock Park and Goodwood - races for: Sprint Cup and Stewards Cup and more. The whole collection ..... Price £7

**GB16 GB/LIBYA** . Scarce Libya "Death of a Tyrant" cover. The cover bears a British Stamp postmarked with Union Jack illustrated Royal Mail Pmk. Dated: 30 Oct 2011. The cover is inscribed: Muammar al Gaddafi, Sirte, Libya "Death of a tyrant". The cover also bears a Libya Gaddafi postage stamp tied to the cover with green cachet inscribed: Libya October 2011. Only 50 of this scarce cover are known to exist ..... Price £16

**M82 MILITARY UNIFORMS** . A superb collection of Military Uniform Stamps includes: Unmounted Mint and Used Stamps, with blocks and singles. Hundreds of Military Uniform stamps ..... Price £13

**Z43 GREAT BRITAIN** . Scarce Machin postal history cover, issued for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Royal Visit to Brighton, with Brighton Pavilion illustration. Contrary to normal postal regulations, 150 covers were postmarked with a combination of decimal and pre decimal Machin stamps with official Royal Mail Brighton E. Sussex "K" post office postmark dated 29th March 2001 (a full 30 years after the stamps were demonetized) 150 of these covers originally existed, now mostly in collectors hands, they rarely become available for sale ..... Price £18

**ATL 5 WAR IN THE FALKLANDS** . Elusive South Atlantic Task Force Cover Falklands Victory Parade Cover, dated 12th Nov 1982 with Falkland Islands Map and British Union Jack Flag, Plymouth postmark. The cover was re-posted in 2012 (thirty years later) and re-postmarked with official Royal Mail "Falklands War British Task Force Anniv. Portsmouth Pmk" Seldom Available as only a handful of this elusive cover exist ..... Price £10

#### CP228 PORTUGUESE COLONIES & PORTUGAL

A superb collection of rarely seen older Portuguese colonies including: Angola, St. Thomas & Prince Islands, Portuguese Guinea, Mozambique including old Mozambique company, Portuguese India, Timor, Macau and Portugal. With used and many unmounted mint, several hundreds of different Portuguese colony stamps ..... Price £21.50

**GUSTAMPS**  
Established 1971

12 Prince Albert Street, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 1HE

Tel: 01273 326994 Fax: 01273 321318

Telephone or Fax orders accepted.

Payment by Mastercard or Visa credit cards

We have no e-mail address, please contact us by telephone

Dealing in stamps for over 40 years







**003 ÅLAND**  
Christmas 2014



**005 ÅLAND**  
Year of the Sheep



**006 AUSTRIA**  
Gmunden Stamp Exhibition



**011 AUSTRIA**  
Steyrtalbahn Railway

## YOUR IN-DEPTH GUIDE TO THE LATEST RELEASES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This directory lists Great Britain first, followed by other countries in alphabetical order. It is limited to countries in which stamp issues are sold in post offices and for which reliable information is available. We aim to keep our listing as up-to-date as possible, but in attempting to provide more comprehensive detail than other guides we do not necessarily list every country each month. The three-digit number which appears before the date of each issue is for cross-referencing with the Thematic Checklist at the end of this section.

### GREAT BRITAIN (last listed in March 2015)

#### 001 Jan 20, 2015 Smilers 2015

**Design:** Jenny Bowers.

**Printing:** litho, Cartor (miniature sheet) or gravure, International Security Printers (booklet). Two phosphor bands. Perf 14.75 x 14.25 (miniature sheet) or die-cut perf 14.75 x 14.25 with elliptical cut-outs on vertical sides (booklet stamps).

**Gummed miniature sheet:** se-tenant block of 8, arranged 4 x 2.

- 1st (62p) Well Done: graphic '1st'
- 1st (62p) Mum: words 'Mum/Mummy/Mother', and flower-heads
- 1st (62p) New Baby: baby with a white envelope for a nappy
- 1st (62p) Wedding: three-tiered cake, and wrapping-paper pattern
- 1st (62p) Happy Birthday: three candles with faces in the flames
- 1st (62p) Dad: word 'Dad' in style of stencil painting
- 1st (62p) Grandparent: hand of child against hand of an adult
- 1st (62p) Love: white heart-shape with pair of red/orange lovebirds kissing

Border: white bird emitting musical notes  
Left border has a rouletted detachable tab bearing a barcode, text 'Mini Smile' and FSC paper accreditation (code C100572)

**Self-adhesive retail booklet (£7.44):** 12 stamps affixed 6/6 to inside covers, with matrix removed.

- 1st (62p) Well Done: graphic '1st'
- 1st (62p) Mum: words 'Mum/Mummy/Mother', and flower-heads
- 1st (62p) x 2 New Baby: baby with a white envelope for a nappy
- 1st (62p) x 2 Wedding: three-tiered cake, and wrapping-paper pattern
- 1st (62p) x 2 Happy Birthday: three candles with faces in the flames
- 1st (62p) Dad: word 'Dad' in style of stencil painting
- 1st (62p) Grandparent: hand of child against hand of an adult
- 1st (62p) x 2 Love: white heart-shape with pair of red/orange lovebirds kissing

Note: the booklet stamps do not match the miniature sheet stamps exactly. The Well Done design in the booklet has black outlining around '1st', which is absent in the miniature sheet. The Wedding design in the booklet has a yellow-cream wrapping paper for the bottom tier of the cake, whereas in the miniature sheet it is pink on white

#### 002 Jan 20, 2015 Smilers 2015

**Design:** Jenny Bowers.

**Printing:** litho, International Security Printers. Two phosphor bands. Die-cut perf 14½ x 14 with elliptical cut-outs on vertical sides.

**Self-adhesive generic personalisable sheetlet (sold at £12.90):** 20 stamps plus 20 adjacent labels in 4 columns of 5.

- 1st (62p) x 3 outline of baby with envelope
- Labels: 'New Baby' and dots
- 1st (62p) x 2 hand of child against hand of adult
- Labels: 'Grandparent' and tea pot
- 1st (62p) x 3 three candles with faces
- Labels: 'Happy Birthday' and balloons
- 1st (62p) x 3 heart-shape with two lovebirds
- Labels: 'Love' and four crosses
- 1st (62p) x 2 word 'Dad' in stencil lettering
- Labels: 'Dad' in speech bubble
- 1st (62p) x 2 graphic '1st'
- Labels: 'Well Done' and starburst
- 1st (62p) x 2 words 'Mum/Mummy/Mother'
- Labels: 'Mum' and petals
- 1st (62p) x 3 three-tiered cake
- Labels: 'Wedding' and heart outline
- Border: balloons, crayons, heart-shapes
- Note: personalised sheets come with 10 or 20 stamps of the same design

#### ÅLAND (last listed in Jan 2015)

#### 003 Oct 9, 2014 Christmas 2014 (Julpost)

**Design:** Emelie Hage.

**Printing:** litho, plus golden holograms, Southern Colour Print, New Zealand. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Julpost'.

**Sheet stamp:**

- (0.70€) mother with daughter visiting the Little Christmas Fair on premises of Jan Karlsgården open-air museum, near Sund: market vendors and Christmas tree

Note: stamp meets the Julpost 2014 concessionary postage rate. The holograms form the Christmas decorations on stands and tree

#### 004 Oct 9, 2014 Christmas Seals 2014. Vendors at Little Christmas Fair

**Design:** Emelie Hage.

**Printing:** litho. Die-cut perf 6 (wavy line).

**Non-postal self-adhesive sheetlet:** 5 columns of 4, composite with surround.

- fruit-seller
- sweet seller

- wreath vendor
- gingerbread and sweet seller
- Note: sold as a complete sheetlet only, at 4.00€.
- Proceeds went to Åland Defibrillator Project

#### 005 Nov 5, 2014 Year of the Sheep. Åland Sheep

**Design:** Hao Du and Liu Bo.

**Engraving:** Yang Zhiying (ewe) and Liu Minghui (ram), Chinese students of engraving under Martin Mörrck.

**Printing:** recess and litho, with gold foil and embossing (border).

**Miniature sheet (2 x 2):** block of 4 arranged in chequer formation.

0.80€ x 2 ram, ewe and lamb

0.80€ x 2 ram (head)  
Border: windmill, sheep amid rocks (wash painting)

**Maximum cards:** pair

Note: a non-postal black print of the recess portions of the miniature sheet was sold in a pack

#### AUSTRIA (last listed in Jan 2015)

#### 006 Aug 19, 2014 Övebria Gmunden Stamp Exhibition, August 29-31, 2014. Garden Flowers

**Design:** Hannes Margreiter (flowers).

**Printing:** Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, with service information added by Sielaff vending machine.

**Gummed vending machine labels:**

- + cosmea, *Cosmos bipinnatus*, 'Gmunden 2014' inscription in black
- + flowers of flax, *Linum usitatissimum*, 'Gmunden 2014' inscription in black

Note: labels with these motifs, without exhibition inscription, were released on Jan 7, 2014 (listed in May 2014).

#### 007 Aug 29, 2014 Comic Stamps, Jigsaw, third issue. Die Biene Maja

**Design:** Polypod, after Studio 100/Studio Zuiyo digital animated television series.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé. Die-cut perf 13¼ in shape of jigsaw pieces.

**Self-adhesive miniature sheet:** 4 stamps 'interlocked' to form composite design.

- 62c Willi, worker bee, on sunflower head
- 62c Biene Maja, queen bee, on sunflower head
- 62c Thekia, purple spider, on sunflower head
- 62c Flip, green grasshopper, on sunflower head



Note: based on the book *The Adventures of Maja the Bee* by Waldemar Bonsels, first published in German in 1912

#### 008 Sept 12, 2014

##### Modern Architecture in Austria. Angerlehner Museum

**Design:** Silvia Moucka, from photograph.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50 (10 x 5).

62c exterior of the Museum, in Thalheim bei Wels, built by Wolf Architecture

Note: the stamp was also sold from retail outlets in a sealed hang-sell plastic pack of four at 2.48€

#### 009 Sept 19, 2014

##### Herzogenburg 2014 Stamp Exhibition, St Pölten, Sept 19-21, 2014

**Design:** Hannes Margreiter (flowers).

**Printing:** Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, with service information added by Sielaff vending machine.

##### Gummed vending machine labels:

† cosmea, *Cosmos bipinnatus*, 'Herzogenburg 2014' inscription in black

† flowers of flax, *Linum usitatissimum*, 'Herzogenburg 2014' inscription in black

#### 010 Sept 19, 2014

##### Churches in Austria, sixth issue. 300th anniversary of the Basilica of Mariatrost, Graz

**Design:** Kirsten Lubach (painting).

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50 (10 x 5).

0.62€ view of the Basilica

#### 011 Sept 20, 2014

##### 125th anniversary of the Steyrtalbahn

**Design:** Dieter Kraus.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé.

**Miniature sheet:** design composite with border.

145c steam locomotive No298,102 (1888), the oldest surviving Austrian 760mm narrow-gauge locomotive, on the line between Steyr and Grünburg

#### 012 Sept 20, 2014

##### Historic Postal Transport, second issue.

##### Parcel Post Wagon

**Design:** Tristan Fischer.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

90c kK parcel post wagon of 1830

#### 013 Sept 26, 2014

##### Day of the Stamp. Rankweil

**Design:** Hannes Margreiter.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheetlet (2 x 3):** 6 stamps with left and right side tabs.

282 + 141c wetland of the Bangs Matschels nature reserve, with Siberian irises in bloom, and distant view of the Basilica of Rankweil

Tab: images of local religious, administrative and natural history significance

Note: surcharge to philatelic promotion.

#### 014 Sept 27, 2014

##### The Fussach Messenger

**Design:** Michael Rosenfeld, after 16th-century

map by Aegidio Tschudo.

**Printing:** recess and litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

90c map of courier route operated by the Spehler and Vis families, from the 15th century to the 19th century, from Fussach on Lake Konstanz via Lindau, Balzers (Liechtenstein) and over Splügen Pass to Como and Milan (Italy)

Note: the map shows south at the top. Joint issue with Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein

#### 015 Oct 1, 2014

##### The 150th Anniversary of the Board of the Vienna Association of Merchants

**Design:** Anita Kern.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

62c head of Hermes, based upon relief on the façade of Hauses der Wiener Kaufmannschaft at Schwarzenbergplatz, and globe (stylised)

Note: the Board became part of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce in 1946

#### 016 Oct 10, 2014

##### 120th anniversary of the Murtalbahn

**Design:** Peter Sinaweil.

**Printing:** recess and litho on glazed paper, ÖSD, Vienna.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

145c train hauled by narrow-gauge U-11 steam locomotive *Mauterdorf*

Note: the locomotive (manufactured by Krass & Cie, 1894) is still operational, owned by Styrian Provincial Railways

#### 017 Oct 10, 2014

##### Opening of the Vienna Central Station

**Design:** Roman Boensch.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

90c illustration of train in the new station (operational from autumn 2014)

Note: the new Central Station is not a terminal but allows through-trains. It is expected to be in full operation by December 2015

#### 018 Oct 10, 2014

##### Modern Art in Austria. Painting by Anton Romako, 1832-1889

**Design:** Dieter Kraus.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

62c portrait of Isabella Reisser (1885), from the Leopold Museum

**Maximum card:** the painting

Note: painted along with a portrait of Isabella's husband, Cristophe Reisser, a printing-press inventor/constructor

#### 019 Oct 18, 2014

##### Old Masters, fourth issue. Velázquez

**Printing:** recess and litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

145c *Infanta Margarita Teresa* (1656), by Diego Rodríguez de Silva y Velázquez

Note: the Infanta, a Habsburg princess aged 5 at the time of the portrait, was betrothed to King Philip IV of Spain. The painting is in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

#### 020 Oct 18, 2014

##### 80th Birthday of Udo Jürgens

**Design:** Marion Füllner, after photograph by Dominik Beckmann.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

70c Udo Jürgens (b1934) in performance  
Note: singer-songwriter, pianist and film star who has composed over 1,000 songs and complete scores, including the musical *Ich War Noch Niemals*

#### 021 Oct 22, 2014

##### Photography in Austria, fourth issue. Ursula Mayer

**Design:** Regina Simon, after photograph.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

90c Mayer (b1970) holding a sculpture by Barbara Hepworth, a still from the short film *Interiors*

Note: *Interiors* was filmed in 2006 at the home of Erno Goldfinger in Hampstead, London

#### 022 Oct 22, 2014

##### Young Art in Austria, third issue. Work by the Gelatin Artistic Cooperative

**Design:** Regina Simon.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

170c interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* (2008)

Note: Gelatin, also known as Gelitin, consisted of Wolfgang Gantner, Ali Janka, Florian Reither and Tobias Urban

#### 023 Oct 26, 2014

##### Contemporary Art in Austria. Peter Weibel

**Design:** Regina Simon.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

62c cover of DVD *Peter Weibel: Media Poet*, a compilation by Weibel (b1944) of his video works, and scene from Hotel Morphila Orchestra

Note: Weibel, born in Ukraine, is known for his digital video production (pioneer of interactive video works in 1990s), and as a writer and university lecturer

#### 024 Nov 5, 2014

##### 25th anniversary of the Gold Coin noting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra

**Design:** Thomas Pesendorfer, based on his own original coin relief work.

**Printing:** litho and gold foil embossed, Enschedé. Circular-format stamps, die cut perf 14.

**Miniature sheet:**

70c obverse: the organ in the Golden Hall of the Vienna Musikverein  
90c reverse: musical instruments (horn, bassoon, harp, violas, violins, cello, organ)

Note: introduced on Oct 10, 1989, and issued in several editions including Euro currency in 2002, historically the best-selling gold coin in Europe

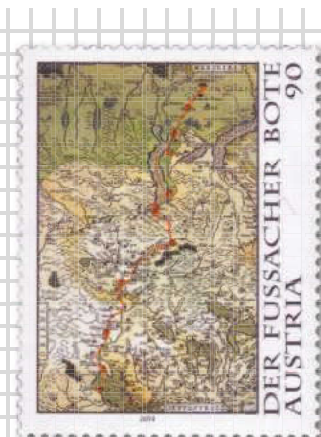
#### 025 Nov 14, 2014

##### Christmas 2014. The Madonna of Krumlov Statue

**Design:** Dieter Kraus.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.



#### 014 AUSTRIA

The Fussach Messenger



#### 020 AUSTRIA

Udo Jürgens



#### 018 AUSTRIA

Modern Art



#### 016 AUSTRIA

Murtalbahn Railway



# SELLING? WE BUY STAMPS

Enfield Stamp Centre (Est. 1977). A small family business, we have produced a Newsletter listing all the collections we have acquired over our shop counter, for many years. We do not buy at auctions. We buy from the public: Collectors, Solicitor's Probate lots, Banks, Charities, Attic finds etc. Many of the thousands, who have bought from us, return to sell their treasures, for all manner of reasons, eg. moving, changing interests, retirement. We make a free market valuation of the stamps. We offer to buy them there and then or invite you to get another offer if you wish. It's as simple as that! No auctions with unpredictable results and exorbitant commission charges. No waiting months whilst the auctioneer catalogues your collection, only to sell it to a dealer like us. No waiting 45 working days (or more) for payment after the sale. Instant, friendly, face to face dealing. As they say "Life's complicated enough". Why complicate it more sending your life's work by some freight company to a faceless valuer. We buy direct. No hassle, no charges, no waiting. Got something to sell? Try us. What have you got to lose? Come to our shop, no appointment required (open Wed, Fri and Sat - 9.00 a.m. - 4 p.m.) for a free, no obligation, offer.

**35 years of experience, valuing stamps every day, will ensure you have made the right move.**

## HOW TO GET TO THE SHOP

Enfield Stamp Centre is located in Lancaster Road, three doors down from the Holly Bush pub. Two buses pass our door from the town - 191 & W8

## NEAREST TUBE

Oakwood. Then take a cab (15 minutes)

## NEAREST TRAIN STATION

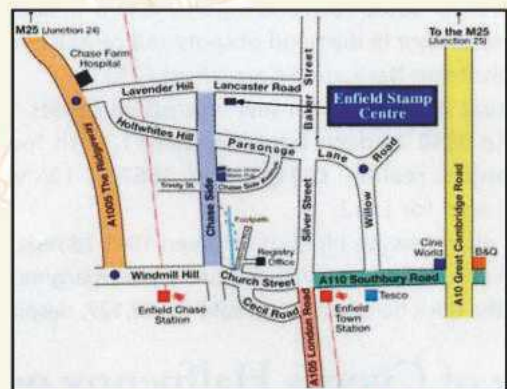
Gordon Hill (Hertford Line from Finsbury Park)

## BY CAR

Turn off the M25 at junction 24 then take the A1005 signposted Enfield and follow for three miles. At mini roundabout (just past Chase Farm Hospital) turn left. At the next mini roundabout bear left and follow this road past Gordon Hill Station. This will lead you to another mini roundabout. Cross this and our shop is thirty yards along the right. We can also be found if you take junction 25, down the A10 and turn right at the traffic lights for Carterhatch Lane.

Enfield Stamp Centre, 192-194 Lancaster Road, Enfield, Middx. EN2 0JH

**Tel: 020 8367 2653 Fax: 020 8342 0007 Email: [enfieldstamp@btconnect.com](mailto:enfieldstamp@btconnect.com)**



For Stamps and Collections visit  
[www.enfieldstampcentre.com](http://www.enfieldstampcentre.com)



Enfield Stamp Centre

192-194 Lancaster Rd  
Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0JH  
Tel: 020 8367 2653

email: [enquiries@enfieldstampcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@enfieldstampcentre.com)



70c *Madonna and Child*, gothic limestone statue dated to c1390-1400

Note: unknown origin, discovered in early 20th century at Cesky Krumlov, Bohemia, now in the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna

**026 Nov 14, 2014**

**Christmas 2014. Painting by Lukas van Valckenborch**

**Design:** David Gruber.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé. Die-cut perf 13.1.

**Self-adhesive coil stamp:** horizontal coils of 50 and 200, separately spaced with matrix removed.

70c *Winter Landscape* by Lukas van Valckenborch, 1535-1597 (Flanders): village street scene in snow

Note: sold philatelically in strips of 5, numbered on reverse of every fifth stamp

**027 Nov 28, 2014**

**Christmas 2014. Altarpiece**

**Design:** Tristan Fischer.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing, Hungary.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

62c *Adoration of the Kings*, oil on wood altarpiece from the Diocesan Museum, Graz

Note: until 1932, part of the high altar in the parish church of Hirscheegg

**028 Nov 28, 2014**

**Christmas 2014. Painting by Jan Breughel the Elder**

**Design:** Kirsten Lubach.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé. Die-cut perf 13.1.

**Self-adhesive coil stamp:** coils of 50 and 2000.

62c *Adoration of the Kings* (1598), attributed to Jan Breughel the Elder 1568-1625

**029 Nov 28, 2014**

**Christmas 2014**

**Printing:** Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, with service information added by Sielaff vending machine. Inscribed 'Christkindl 14' in black.

**Gummed vending machine labels:**

† town in Christmas snow

† snow-covered fir trees

Note: philatelic distribution was of 62c values. Labels were also available inscribed 'Philatelie Shop', 'Sonderpostamt' or 'Phila Punkt'

**030 Dec 5, 2014**

**Numiphil Stamp Exhibition & Fair, Kursalon, Vienna**

**Printing:** Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, with service information added by Sielaff vending machine. Inscribed 'Numiphil' 2014 in black.

**Gummed vending machine labels:**

† town in Christmas snow

† snow-covered fir trees

Note: philatelic distribution was of 62c values

## BULGARIA

(last listed in Nov 2014)

**031 March 7, 2014**

**135th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with Romania**

**Design:** Nenko Atanasov.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheetlet (3 x 2):**

0.60L x 6 two chairs beside table whose top is a

sea with model boats flying Romanian and Bulgarian flags

**032 March 14, 2014**

**65th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with the People's Republic of China & Chinese New Year**

**Design:** Emilian Stankev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet:**

2.10L galloping horse stamping on a flying swallow, a sculpture dated to the Han dynasty (25-200AD)

Border: sculpture (in situ on rock face) of horse rider beset by pack of dogs, and flags of Bulgaria and China

**033 March 17, 2014**

**Bishop St Sophronius of Wraza, 1739-1813**

**Design:** Lyudmil Metodiev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 40.

0.65L portrait of Stoiko Vladislavov, priest, historian, writer, Bulgar nationalist and saint

**034 April 3, 2014**

**135th anniversary of the Bulgarian Parliament**

**Design:** Ivelina Velinova.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheetlet (2 x 2):**

0.10L law books, and cover of Bulgarian constitution of 1879

0.20L clauses from constitution, and Exarch Anthim I of the Orthodox Church (Speaker of the First National Assembly)

0.30L agenda (order of business), and bell of the First National Assembly

0.65L book cover, of the present day Bulgarian constitution, present-day bell and protocols (standing orders)

**Miniature sheet:** design composite with border.

1.00L Exarch Anthim I, 1816-1888, documents and building

**035 April 5, 2014**

**Balkanfila 2014 Stamp Exhibition, Vidin.**

**Personalities (Anniversaries)**

**Design:** Atanas Atanasov. All designs are painted portraits.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet (2 x 2):**

0.65L William Shakespeare, 1564-1616, English poet, dramatist and theatrical director

0.65L Taras Shevchenko, 1814-1861, Ukrainian writer, artist, folklorist and ethnographer

1.00L Richard Strauss, 1864-1949, German composer and conductor

1.00L Mikhail Lermontov, 1814-1841, Russian poet, writer and artist

**036 April 15, 2014**

**Centenary of the Zarja Masonic Lodge**

**Design:** William Kitanov.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheetlet (2 x 2):**

65st masonic symbols and seal

Border: seals, centenary logos, platform

**037 April 17, 2014**

**30th anniversary of Kaliakra Sail Training Vessel**

**Design:** Valentin Shtinkov.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheetlet (2 x 2):** 2 stamps and 2 labels.

0.65L x 2 *Kaliakra* at sea, fully rigged

Labels: brass compass, old map of Balearic Islands and eastern coast of Spain

**038 April 28, 2014**

**Europa 2014. Musical Instruments**

**Design:** Maglena Konstantinova (drawings).

**Printing:** litho. Perf 13 with indented cut-outs at centre of vertical sides (sheetlet), perf 13 without cut-outs (miniature sheet) or perf 13 with imperf sides (booklet).

**Sheetlet (2 x 3):** designs with white frames, arranged in tête-bêche pairs.

0.65L x 6 folk troupe drummer and dancers in costume

Border: bagpipe, zither, drum, flute

**Sheetlet (2 x 3):** designs with white frames, arranged in tête-bêche pairs.

1.50L x 6 folk troupe flautist (shepherd) and dancing couple

Border: bagpipe, zither, drum, flute

**Miniature sheet (2 x 1):** designs without white frames, composite with border.

0.65L folk troupe drummer and dancers in costume

1.50L folk troupe flautist (shepherd) and dancing couple

Border: child musicians, woman dancing

**Booklet:** single pane of 6 stamps with white frames, loose in cover.

0.65L x 3 folk troupe drummer and dancers (imperf on all sides x 1, perf 13 at left x 1, perf 13 at right x 1)

1.50L x 3 folk troupe flautist and couple (imperf on all sides x 1, perf 13 at left x 1, perf 13 at right x 1)

Border: musicians (drummer, bagpiper, flautist) in a line

**039 May 13, 2014**

**Ecology. European Year of the Tree**

**Design:** Todor Angeliev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet:** top of design composite with border.

1L old elm tree in the town of Sliven

Border: nine trees in profile (thumbnail photographs and captions)

**040 May 14, 2014**

**135th anniversary of Bulgarian Posts**

**Design:** Apostol Apostolov, after painting.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet:** design composite with border.

1L portrait of Stefan Parushev, first managing director of Bulgaria Post, postman riding bicycle and sorting office in background

**041 May 20, 2014**

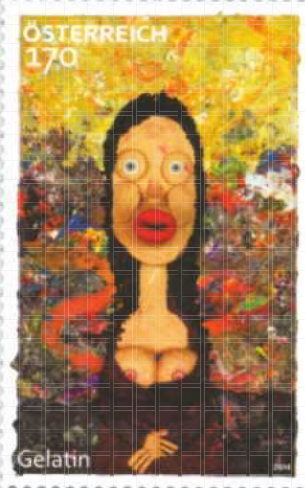
**40th anniversary of the Commissioning of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant**

**Design:** Tahsin Ahmed.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:**

0.65L power authority logo, distant view of power station beyond a poppy field



**022 AUSTRIA**

Young Art



**017 AUSTRIA**

Vienna Central Station



**038 BULGARIA**

Musical Instruments



**031 BULGARIA**

Diplomatic Relations with Romania



# MANCHESTER STAMPS CENTRE

---

I have been a stamp dealer for 34 years. The business has traded as a mail order stamp approvals dealer and dealer at stamp fairs. Join our many mail order stamp customers receiving Approvals made to suit your collecting interests or send us your wants lists.

## **WE ALSO BUY STAMPS BE THEY IN COLLECTIONS, ALBUMS OR LOTS.**

We stock: MINT and USED, SETS and SINGLES of GREAT BRITAIN and most BRITISH EMPIRE AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH from 1840 up to 2014 Countries stocked include:

- Great Britain
- Guernsey, Isle of Man and Jersey
- Australia, AAT, Nauru, Niue, Papua
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Antigua/Barbuda
- Ascension
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Basutoland/Lesotho
- Bechuanaland/Botswana
- Bermuda
- British Guiana/Guyana
- British Honduras/Belize
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Ceylon/Sri Lanka
- Cook Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands
- Fiji
- Gambia
- Gibraltar
- Gilbert and Ellice Islands
- Gold Coast/Ghana
- Grenada
- Hong Kong
- India and Indian States
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Kenya and KUT
- Kiribati
- Leeward Islands
- Malaysia and States
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Montserrat
- Nigeria
- Pitcairn
- Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- St Helena, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent
- Samoa
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa, COGH, Natal, Swaziland, Zululand
- Trinidad/Tobago
- Tristan da Cunha
- Turks & Caicos Islands
- Tuvalu

**Mail order Stamp Approvals Business**

**Department SM Robert Williams (ADPS/UDPA) 1 Butt Hill Drive,  
Prestwich, Manchester M25 9PL**

**Tel: 0161 798 4734 Fax: 0161 798 5189 [riw@isaglo.com](mailto:riw@isaglo.com)**



## 042 June 12, 2014

**FIFA Football World Cup Finals, Brazil**

**Design:** Hristo Aleksiev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet:**

2.10L footballer making bicycle kick

## 043 June 17, 2014

**170th anniversary of Bulgarian Journalism**

**Design:** Todor Vardjiev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 40.

0.65L quill pen, fountain pen, ballpoint pen, and title pages of first Bulgarian magazine and newspaper

## 044 July 4, 2014

**Bulgarian Circus Art**

**Design:** Emilian Stankev.

**Printing:** litho. No imprint date.

**Miniature sheet (2 x 2):** designs composite with tabs at right and left.

0.65L x 2 clown with trumpet (imperf at left x 1, imperf at right x 1)

Labels: elephant standing on ball, elephant handler

Tabs: dolphins and lions within hoops

Note: this stamp design was previously used in the Greetings set of March 28, 2013, with imprint date '2013'. The miniature sheet appears to have been sold at a considerable premium over face value

## 045 July 7, 2014

**135th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Bulgaria & Russia**

**Design:** Kranija Bedretinova and Todor Vardjiev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 15 (3 x 5).

1.40L flags of Russian Federation and Bulgaria

## 046 July 10, 2014

**135th anniversary of the National Guard**

**Design:** Simeon Krastev.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

0.65L guards on parade, and portrait of Tsar Alexander I, 1857-1893, in uniform

## 047 July 11, 2014

**Peter Deunov (Petar Danov), 1864-1944**

**Design:** Apostol Apostolov.

**Printing:** litho.

**Miniature sheet:**

1.50L portrait of the philosopher, spiritual leader, writer and lecturer

Border: circular stone walls on a plateau next to Kidney Lake in the Rila Mountains, used for paneurhythmy dance by Deunov's followers; quotation from Albert Einstein in English and Bulgar

Note: founder of the Universal White Brotherhood, a spiritual group, in 1899

## 048 Aug 6, 2014

**135th anniversary of Bulgarian Customs Authority**

**Design:** Kristina Borisov.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 40 (10 x 4).

0.65L fountain pen as central stem of caduceus, and modern customs authority logo

## COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

(last listed in March 2014)

## 049 June 24, 2014

**Maps of Cocos Islands**

**Design:** Boschen Design, after old maps.

**Printing:** litho, RA Print.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 50, arranged in horizontal se-tenant pairs.

70c Cocos Islands, from map in *L'Arcano del Mare* (Secrets of the Sea), 1746, inscribed 'l Triangolo Scoperte da l'Inglese' (the triangular discoveries of the English), with illustration of compass rose and Asian man and woman with bird and treasures

70c two representations of Cocos Islands based upon *Hémisphère Oriental ou Ancien Monde* (Eastern Hemisphere of the Ancient World), c1783, and *Indischen Meere* (Indian Ocean), 1758, with terrestrial globe

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 50.

\$1.40 19th-century map

\$2.10 20th-century map of Home Island

## 050 Oct 14, 2014

**Centenary of the Battle of Cocos, November 9, 1914**

**Design:** John White.

**Printing:** litho, RA Print.

**Sheet stamps:**

70c Royal Australian Navy light cruiser HMAS Sydney

\$3.50 Imperial German Navy light cruiser SMS Emden

Note: Emden attacked the communications station on Direction Island, but surrendered under fire from HMAS Sydney and was beached on North Keeling reef

## CROATIA

(last listed in Dec 2014)

## 051 June 12, 2014

**Definitive. Traditional Crafts**

**Printing:** litho. Perf 14 x 14.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

10.00K embroidery from island of Pag  
Note: this design was previously issued on Sept 30, 2008, but with diamond-shaped cut-outs in perforations on vertical sides

## 052 Sept 14, 2014

**Red Cross. Anti-Tuberculosis Week**

**Printing:** litho.

**Tax stamp:** sheets of 50 (10 x 5), in use Sept 14-21, 2014.

1.55K view of the island of Lošinj

## 053 Sept 23, 2014

**700th anniversary of the First Documentary Record of Prelog**

**Design:** Dean Roksandic.

**Printing:** litho.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 12 (3 x 4) with decorated frame.

3.10K street scene (18th-century buildings flanking the market square) in the town of Prelog, from old sepia postcard

Note: first record is a court roll of 1264 requiring founding of settlement for 'immigrants'

## 054 Sept 23, 2014

**800th anniversary of the Portal of the Cathedral of St Dominus, Split**

**Design:** Damir Fabijanic (from his photograph).

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Miniature sheet:**

11.00K four sectors of the carved nutwood panel from the portal: the Annunciation, the Resurrection of Lazarus, the Suffering of Jesus, the Resurrection

Border: colonnade and steps leading up to portal  
Note: historic records attribute the panel to local carver and painter Andrija Bučina in 1214

## 055 Sept 26, 2014

**800th anniversary of the City Charter for Korcula**

**Design:** Dubravka Zglavnik-Horvat.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Sheet stamp:**

2.80K historic view of the early walled city of Korcula, on eponymous island

Note: the Statute of the Town and Island of Korcula, setting rules for city government, written in Latin in 1214, not translated to Croat until 1987

## 056 Sept 30, 2014

**900th anniversary of the Monastery of the Benedictine Sisters (of St Nicholas) in Trogir**

**Design:** Sabina Rešić.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 20.

2.80K monastery structure (fenced off within the city) showing monastery church with belltower by Tripun Bokanic, 1575-1609, from the island of Brač; sculpted head of Kairos, the Greek god of the fleeting moment, copied from original of 3rd century BC

## 057 Sept 30, 2014

**Steam Locomotives**

**Design:** Miran Šabić, and Ana Sladetić.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Sheetlet:** 6 stamps arranged in 2 horizontal strips of 3 divided by 6 gutter labels.

5.00K x 3 kkStb 229/JDŽ/JŽ 116 locomotive (type in use 1902-1920)

5.00K x 3 MAV 375/JDŽ/HDŽ/ JŽ 51 locomotive and tender (manufactured in Hungary, 1907-1929, and in Slavonski Brod 1942-1943)

Labels: steel arch railway bridge

## 058 Oct 14, 2014

**Centenary of the Outbreak of the Great War**

**Design:** Ivana Vucic and Tomislav-Jurica Kacunic.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 20 (4 x 5).

7.60K war memorial by V Radauš and J Turkalj in Morogoj Cemetery, Zagreb

## 059 Oct 20, 2014

**Definitives. National Heritage series. Regional Embroidery Patterns**

**Design:** Orsat Frankovic, from photographs by Ivo Pervan.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 50 (10 x 5).

3.10K flowering tree pattern from Slavonia

5.80K black, white and red pixel-pattern from Vrljika, Dalmatia

7.60K black lace-like decoration from Gorski



**049 COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS**  
Maps of Cocos Islands



**057 CROATIA**  
Steam Locomotives



**059 CROATIA**  
Regional Embroidery Patterns



New Stock Alert Austria postal stationery, Basutoland, Ghana aerogrammes, Pakistan, Rhodesia, Swaziland...

ZEBOOSE.COM



Great Britain & Commonwealth.  
Classic to Modern.  
Stamps, Proofs,  
Covers and  
Much More...

Zeboose Ltd, PO Box 5161, BA6 0BJ, UK  
+44 (0) 20 8144 0202 • info@zeboose.com  
http://www.zeboose.com  
stores.ebay.co.uk/zeboose

<p>Great Britain 1833 (Prestamp) Free Frank Letterfront £11.25 £15.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1834 (Prestamp) Free Frank Letterfront £6.75 £9.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1834 (Prestamp) Free Frank Letterfront £11.25 £15.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1821 (Prestamp) Free Frank Letterfront £6.75 £9.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1839 (Prestamp) Free Frank Envelope £22.50 £30.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1840 (Postal History) Penny Black, Plate 4 £525.00 £760.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1840 (Prestamp) House of Commons Envelope £2,100.00 £6,000.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1853 (Cover) 10d Brown, Die 3 £262.50 £350.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1868 (Postal History) 4d Vermilion £82.50 £110.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1870 (Postal History) 6d Mauve £45.00 £60.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £60.00 £80.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £487.50 £550.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £87.50 £100.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £32.50 £110.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £37.50 £90.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1911 (Cover) First UK Aerial Post £37.50 £90.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1924 (FDC) 1d British Empire Exhibition £112.50 £160.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1925 (FDC) 1d British Empire Exhibition £175.00 £500.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1929 (FDC) 1d Postal Union Congress £120.00 £180.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1929 (FDC) 1d Postal Union Congress £16.00 £30.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1929 (FDC) 1d Postal Union Congress £142.50 £190.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1929 (FDC) 1d Postal Union Congress £142.50 £190.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £82.50 £110.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £25.50 £34.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £150.00 £200.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £112.50 £150.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £15.00 £20.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1936 (FDC) King Edward VIII Definitives £15.00 £20.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) 2½d Ultramarine £37.50 £50.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) 2½d Ultramarine £90.00 £120.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) King George VI Definitives £37.50 £50.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) King George VI Definitives £22.50 £30.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) King George VI Definitives £37.50 £50.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1937 (FDC) King George VI Definitives £37.50 £50.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) 2s 6d Arms Definitive £900.00 £1,200.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) 5s Arms Definitive £1,200.00 £1,600.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) 10s Arms Definitive £1,600.00 £2,000.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) 10d King George VI Definitive £90.00 £120.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) 10d King George VI Definitive £167.50 £250.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1939 (FDC) King George VI Definitives £167.50 £250.00 Buy Now</p>		
<p>Great Britain 1959 (FDC) 4½d Chestnut Wilding £131.25 £175.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1961 (FDC) 6d Parliamentary Conference £37.50 £50.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1970 (FDC) To Pay Labels £322.50 £430.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1979 (Variety) Rowland Hill M/S £322.50 £430.00 Buy Now</p>
<p>Great Britain 1980 (Error) International Stamp Exhibition, London M/S £2,000.00 £4,000.00 Buy Now</p>	<p>Great Britain 1990 (Error) Anniversary of Penny B M/S £3,500.00 £7,000.00 Buy Now</p>		

25% OFF

Great Britain covers

HURRY!  
limited time offer



Kotar  
11.00K silver decoration with beads and golden thread from Lovas

## Miniature sheet (4 x 1):

3.10K, 5.80K, 7.60K, 11.00K, designs as sheet stamps, se-tenant  
Border: detail from Lovas design

## 060 Oct 24, 2014

### Minerals, third issue

**Design:** Jana Žiljak Vujic.

**Printing:** litho and embossed, with varnish layer, AKD, Zagreb. Perf 14.

**Miniature sheet:** circular-format stamps, composite with border.

5.00K green schist: metamorphic rock from Mount Medvednica, Sljeme (under infra-red light, an image of the parish church of Our Lady of Sljeme is visible)  
5.00K prehnite, from Komiža, Vis (under infra-red light, an image of the sea shore on the island of Vis is visible)

## 061 Nov 14, 2014

### Fortified Churches

**Design:** Tomislav Vlacinic, from photographs by Paolo Monfardin and Mihai Vamasescu.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

## Miniature sheet (1 x 2):

7.60K St Nicholas Church in Komiža on island of Vis (medieval church, with fortifications constructed in 18th century on Vauban system)  
7.60K new Evangelical Church in Cristian, Romania (rebuilt in 1841 on site of old church demolished in 1839)

Border: cross carved in stone wall

Note: joint issue with Romania

## 062 Nov 17, 2014

### Ivan Generalic, 1914-1992

**Design:** Alenka Lalic, after painting by Generalic.

**Printing:** litho, AKD, Zagreb.

## Sheetlet (3 x 3):

3.10K x 9 *Rekvizicija* (Requisition), painting of 1934

Border: artist's signature and details from work  
Note: the work depicts tax collectors who, in the presence of policemen, seize a cow and crops from poor villagers because they have not paid tax

## ESTONIA

(last listed in Feb 2015)

## 063 July 19, 2014

### Centenary of the Herdbook of Estonian Native Breed Cattle

**Design:** Triin Heimann.

**Printing:** litho, Cartor, on plastic (imitation leather).

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

1€ Estonian cow, wearing rosette

## 064 Aug 21, 2014

### 25th anniversary of the Baltic Chain

**Design:** Indrek Ilves, from photograph of human chain formed on August 23, 1989.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa (sheet stamp), or Enschedé (miniature sheet). Perf 13½.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 16. Design with white frame.

0.55€ man and woman in the chain, in front of parked car

**Miniature sheet (3 x 1):** designs without white frames, composite with border.

1.00€ five adults and a child with linked hands, in front of parked cars

1.00€ three women with linked hands, in front of parked car

1.00€ man and woman in the chain, in front of parked car

Border: map showing line of chain stretching from Tallinn, Estonia, to Vilnius, Lithuania, in memory of the Nazi-Soviet pact signed on August 23, 1939, which extinguished the independence of the Baltic States. Joint issue with Latvia and Lithuania

## 065 Aug 25, 2014

### 75th anniversary of Tallinn Zoo

**Design:** Sándor Stern.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

## Miniature sheet (1 x 2):

0.55€ pair of bearded vultures, *Gypaetus barbatus*  
0.55€ Amur leopard, *Panthera pardus orientalis*

## 066 Sept 1, 2014

### Centenary of the Estonian Academy of Arts

**Design:** Heino Prunsvelt.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

0.55€ '100' as a graphic design, and logo of Academy

## 067 Sept 11, 2014

### Definitive, Town Coats of Arms series. Saue

**Design:** Indrek Ilves.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa. Die-cut perf 12.5. Imprint date '2014'.

**Self-adhesive sheet stamp:** sheets of 25, design composite with square-rouletted surround.

0.55€ coat of arms of city of Saue: oak leaves over battlements

## 068 Sept 11, 2014

### Fungi. The Deadly Fibrecap

**Design:** Ülle Marks and Jüri Kass.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 25.

0.55€ deadly fibrecap, *Inocybe erubescens*, in three stages of development

Note: the cap turns ruby-brown as the fungus ages

## 069 Oct 2, 2014

### Definitive. Euro Coinage series

**Design:** Indrek Ilves.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

**Self-adhesive panel:** flat panels of 10 (2 x 5), design composite with rectangular rouletted surround.

1.20€ x 10 €1 and 20c coins, depicting map of Europe

## 070 Oct 17, 2010

### Lighthouses. The Sõru Leading-Line Lighthouses

**Design:** Roman Matkiewicz.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2) with illustrated tabs.

0.55€ Sõru Ülemine light, and locational map

1.30€ Sõru Alumine light, and locational map

**Maximum cards:** pair, with illustrations and structural diagrams of the lighthouses

Note: the lighthouses, whose rebuilding was completed in 1934 (80th anniversary) protect the port of Sõru on the island of Hiiumaa

## 071 Nov 17, 2014

### My Stamp 2014. Map

**Design:** Indrek Ilves.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa. Die-cut perf 8½ with elongated cut-outs on vertical sides.

## Self-adhesive personalisable sheet stamp:

0.55€ map of island of Hiiumaa against hachured background

Note: available singly, in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) with the sideways panel at the left available for personalisation, and in generic sheets

## 072 Nov 17, 2014

### Treasures of Estonian Art Museums. Herbert Lukk, 1892-1919

**Design:** Lembit Lõhmus, after painting by Lukk.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa.

**Sheetlet:** 8 stamps arranged in 2 blocks of 4, with central label.

1.30€ x 8 Hoov (Courtyard): painting of Tallinn courtyards, 1918

Label: the painting.

Tab: logo of Estonian Art Museum.

Note: Senior Sergeant Lukk was killed at the age of 27 in the second year of the Estonian War of Liberation

## 073 Nov 20, 2014

### Christmas 2014. Decorations

**Design:** Indrek Ilves.

**Printing:** litho, AS Vaba Maa. Die-cut perf 11.1 with elongated cut-outs on vertical sides.

**Self-adhesive panel:** flat panel of 10 (2 x 5), design composite with rectangular rouletted surround.

0.55€ gold ribbon and blue baubles on Christmas tree branch

**Self-adhesive panel:** flat panel of 10 (2 x 5), design composite with rectangular rouletted surround.

1.20€ orange bauble and painted pine cones

## FALKLAND ISLANDS

(last listed in Feb 2015)

## 074 Feb 11, 2015

### Birds & Their Young

**Design:** Georgina Strange.

**Printing:** litho, BDT.

**Sheet stamps:** sheet of 10.

30p pied oystercatchers, *Haematopus leucopodus*

75p gentoo penguins, *Pygoscelis papua*

£1 black-browed albatross, *Thalassarche melanophrys*

£1.20 Falkland skua, *Catharacta skua antarctica*

## FIJI

(last listed in July 2014)

## 075 Jan 15, 2014

### Completion of Southern Cross Submarine Cable System linking Vanuatu to Fiji

**Design:** Denise Durkin.

**Printing:** litho, with holograms, Southern Colour Print, New Zealand.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 35 (7 x 5) arranged in strips of 3 Vanuatu stamps, 1 label and 3 Fiji



## 063 ESTONIA

Native Breed Cattle



## 064 ESTONIA

Baltic Chain



## 066 ESTONIA

Academy of Arts



## 074 FALKLAND ISLANDS

Birds & Their Young



# Missed an Issue?

Available from **myhobbystore**

Have you missed a copy of *Stamp* magazine? Help is at hand; you can order online, by phone or by post!

**JUST  
£3.75\***  
Per copy



**ALSO AVAILABLE**

You can also get this great *Stamp* branded binder to keep all of your magazines safe and tidy!

**ONLY  
£8.50\***

**Phone: 0844 848 8822**

(Phone lines open: Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm)

**Order Online: [www.myhobbystore.co.uk/STAMP](http://www.myhobbystore.co.uk/STAMP)**

\* Plus P&P



stamps.

65c workers on shoreline laying cable  
\$1.20 diver working with cable on sea bed  
\$6 cable, with attached floats, in ocean  
Vanuatu stamps: 40vt, 130vt, 180vt (see Vanuatu listing)

Label: Pacific map

Note: joint issue with Vanuatu. The Fiji stamps are inscribed 'Joint issue with Vanuatu', and are the 4th 5th and 6th stamps in each horizontal strip. The holograms form circular 'nodules' on each stamp, and the country names

## GERMANY

(last listed in Nov 2014)

**076 Oct 2, 2014**

**Technical Monuments. Centenary of the Minden Canal Shaft Lock**

**Design:** Ursula Lautenschläger.

**Printing:** litho, Giesecke & Devrient, Leipzig.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

45c drawing of the barge-lift, opened on Sept 14, 1914, showing a barge being lowered 14m from the Mittelland Canal to the River Weser

**077 Oct 2, 2014**

**Bauhaus Architecture. The Fagus Factory, Alfeld, Saxony**

**Design:** Christopher Gassner.

**Printing:** litho, Bundesdruckerei, Berlin.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

60c early monochrome image of the factory (constructed 1911-1913, with extensions continuing until 1925), designed by Walter Gropius and Adolf Meyer

Note: a shoe last factory, and a UNESCO World Heritage listed monument. The stamp fails to show the most distinctive features of the structure, its rounded cubic shape and huge glass walls framed by yellow brick

**078 Oct 2, 2014**

**300 Years of External Audit**

**Design:** Matthias Beyrow.

**Printing:** litho, Bagel Security Print, Mönchengladbach.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

145c inscriptions and numbers as a crossword

Note: external auditor of Germany's public finances. Founded in Berlin as the Preussische General-Rechen-Kammer in 1714, relocated to Potsdam in the 19th century, now a branch of the Federal Court in Bonn

**079 Nov 4, 2014**

**300th anniversary of the Fahrenheit Temperature Scale**

**Design:** Thomas and Martin Poschauko.

**Printing:** litho, Bagel Security Print, Mönchengladbach.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

60c thermometer scale with freezing point of water indicated

Note: the first system of absolute temperature measurement, devised by Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, 1666-1736, a physicist from Danzig. Zero degrees was set at the lowest temperature Fahrenheit could produce, by mixing ice and ammonium chloride

**080 Nov 3, 2014**

**Julius Robert von Mayer, 1814-1878**

**Design:** Sascha Loebe.

**Printing:** litho, Bagel Security Print, Mönchengladbach.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

90c scale demonstrating equivalence of warmth and energy, based on experiments by the physicist attempting to demonstrate his 1841 postulation of conservation of energy

Note: Mayer's work was an early statement of what is now known as the first law of thermodynamics

**081 Nov 3, 2014**

**Snowman in Snow Globe**

**Design:** Bianca Becker and Peter Kohl.

**Printing:** litho, Giesecke & Devrient, Leipzig. Perf 13¼ (gummed), or die-cut perf 10½ (self-adhesive), both versions free-form in the shape of the object.

**Gummed sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

60c snow-globe (shaker) containing snowman in bowler hat and red scarf

**Self-adhesive panel (6.00€):** flat panel of 10 stamps, arranged 2 x 5, design composite with surround.

60c x 10 snow-globe (shaker) containing snowman in bowler hat and red scarf

Cover: bluebird sitting on one of snowman's arms

**082 Nov 3, 2014**

**Christmas 2014**

**Design:** Nicole Elsenbach

**Printing:** litho, Bundesdruckerei, Berlin. Perf 13¼ (gummed), or die-cut 10 x 10½ (self-adhesive).

**Gummed sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

60 + 30c 'Star of Bethlehem': linocut of comet

**Self-adhesive panel (6.00€):** flat panel of 10 stamps, arranged 2 x 5, design composite with surround.

60 + 30c 'Star of Bethlehem': linocut of comet

Cover: visit of The Magi

Note: surcharge to Federal Association for Voluntary Welfare

## GUERNSEY

(last listed in Jan 2015)

**083 Jan 22, 2015**

**Celebrating the Life of Winston Churchill (1874-1965)**

**Design:** Two Degrees North, after photographs.

**Printing:** litho, Lowe-Martin.

**Miniature sheet:** designs partially composite with border.

£1 Churchill standing on top of vehicle, making speech

£1 Churchill at leisure, painting a landscape

£1 Churchill in military uniform

Border: formal portrait of Churchill seated, wearing a suit, and signature

Note: the first two designs are format 30mm x 40mm and form a se-tenant pair. The third design is format 48mm x 60mm

**084 Jan 28, 2015**

**Chinese Lunar New Year. Year of the Goat**

**Design:** Chrissy Lau. All designs carry Chinese character for 'goat', in gold.

**Printing:** litho, Lowe-Martin.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 with enlarged right and lower border.

41p goat reclining

54p goat standing, facing right

55p goat standing, looking back over head

66p goat looking to front

74p goat rearing

83p pair of goats

Border: pattern

**Miniature sheet (2 x 3):**

41p, 54p, 55p, 66p, 74p, 83p, designs as sheet stamps

Border: goat standing, right foreleg raised

## HUNGARY

(last listed in Nov 2014)

**085 Oct 2, 2013**

**Köröfői Kriesch Aladár, 1863-1920**

**Design:** György Kara, after photograph by József Hajdú.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing.

**Sheet stamp:**

315Ft The Source of Art, fresco by Aladár from Academy of Music in Budapest

Note: artist and sculptor

**086 Oct 2, 2013**

**Endre Erno Friedmann (Robert Capa), 1913-1954**

**Design:** Imre Benedek.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Sheetlet (5 x 2):**

315Ft Woman Gathering a Bundle of Hay on a Collective Farm, photograph taken in Ukraine, August, 1947

Border: texts

Note: reporter and broadcaster who travelled the world as a photojournalist, and died stepping on a landmine whilst reporting from Indo-China.

**087 Oct 2, 2013**

**Budapest Water Summit, October 8-11, 2013**

**Design:** István Weisenburger.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing.

**Miniature sheet:** design composite with border.

365Ft rippling blue water, Summit logo

Border: sailing boats, Margaret Island water tower, sweep well, the Széchenyi spa, the Danube Chain Bridge in Budapest, Summit logo, QR code link

Note: meeting linked to United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation

**088 Oct 8, 2014**

**Greetings. Roses**

**Design:** Imre Benedek.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Bellföld'.

**Generic personalisable sheetlet (4 x 5):** 20 stamps (including vertical and horizontal se-tenant strips) and 20 labels.

- (110Ft) x 7 deep pink rose

- (110Ft) x 7 cream and white rose

- (110Ft) x 6 orange rose

Labels: silhouettes of heads

Border: six roses

Note: the stamp designs were previously issued with denominations of 52Ft in a personalisable sheetlet of May 19, 2006

**089 Nov 5, 2013**

**125th anniversary of MTK Sports Club**

**Design:** Ferenc Gusztáv Borbély.



**075 FIJI**

Submarine Cable System



**076 GERMANY**

Minden Canal Shaft Lock



**084 GUERNSEY**

Year of the Goat



Available From



Contact us for your FREE copy of our magazine

# COVER LOVER

The magazine for first day and commemorative cover collectors

## THE LATEST ISSUES

### COMEDY GREATS 1st April 2015

Celebrating the wealth of comedic talent that Britain has to offer this issue features ten stamps each featuring one of the greats of British comedy. Our covers, designed by Katherine are postmarked at Laughterton with a Heritage Foundation postmark.

The Heritage Foundation works to commemorate Britain's comedy history with blue plaques whilst raising money for charity.

This cover will feature stamps for Spike Milligan, the Two Ronnies, Billy Connolly, Morecambe and Wise and Norman Wisdom.

BC521 £15.95

BC521S £24.95

Signed by Ken Dodd



This cover will feature stamps for Lenny Henry, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Monty Python, Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders and Victoria Wood.

BC521A £15.95

BC521AS £29.95

Signed by Terry Jones, comedian, screen writer, actor, film director and author, best known as a member of the Monty Python comedy team.

Also available...

BC521R £15.95



Artists  
Impression

There will also be a cover featuring the full retail booklet cancelled with special FDI postmark with four definitives and two pictorial (Norman Wisdom and the Morecambe and Wise) first class stamps.

## THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY



FD036B £400

Flexi Pay £80 per month for 5 months

22nd June 1911 1/2d Green King George V Definitive on illustrated Junior Philatelic Society cover, clear London FS slogan postmark, neat handwritten address and Havana receiving marks on the reverse. Unfolds to show the message from the society's president on the King's Coronation Day.



FD031 £250

Flexi Pay £50 per month for 5 months

1st October 1908 Junior Philatelic Society illustrated cover marking the introduction of a Penny Postage service between the UK and America. Clear London FSS CDS, neat handwritten address to Cleveland, a little knocked around the edges but very rare.

Postage and Packaging £2.45 per order.

01303 278137  
EMAIL: [betty@buckinghamcovers.com](mailto:betty@buckinghamcovers.com)

CALL OR EMAIL NOW TO RECEIVE A FREE  
COPY OF OUR MAGAZINE.

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.BUCKINGHAMCOVERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKINGHAMCOVERS.COM)

WARREN HOUSE, SHEARWAY ROAD, FOLKESTONE, KENT CT19 4BF  
TEL 01303 278137 FAX 01303 279429 email [betty@buckinghamcovers.com](mailto:betty@buckinghamcovers.com)



**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

400Ft emblem of MTK (Magyar Testgyakorlók Köre)

Note: multi-sport club, including athletics, football, cycling and chess

Note: a sheetlet was issued on Dec 6, 2014, with a non-postal label featuring the Royal Sceptre of the Hungarian Parliament, in the same design as the stamp issue of Sept 3, 2013. It was sold in a folder at 3000Ft by the philatelic service

## 090 Nov 5, 2013

**Christmas 2013. Iced Gingerbread**

**Design:** Barnabás Baticz.

**Printing:** litho, Codex Értékpapír Nyomda. Free-form die-cut around the design with extension around value and country name and imprint.

**Self-adhesive sheet stamps:** separately spaced on plain rectangular backing labels.

85Ft gingerbread Christmas tree (vertical design)

110Ft gingerbread comet (horizontal design)

140Ft gingerbread angel (vertical design)

## 091 Jan 5, 2014

**Chinese New Year. Year of the Horse**

**Design:** Xu Beihong.

**Printing:** litho, ANY Security Printing.

**Miniature sheet (2 x 2):**

110Ft running horse (front view)

110Ft galloping horse (side view)

110Ft walking horse (rear view)

110Ft grazing horse (front view)

Border: bamboo shoots

Note: a sheetlet was issued on Jan 6, 2014, with a non-postal imperforate label depicting Michael Jackson, the American singer. It was sold at 5000Ft by the philatelic service

## 092 Feb 4, 2014

**25th anniversary of the Foundation of the Hungarian-Maltese Charity Service**

**Design:** György Kara.

**Printing:** litho, with varnish layer, and embossed, Banknote Printer.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 50.

300Ft mock shield with Maltese Cross emblem of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

## 093 Feb 25, 2014

**Hungarian Saints & Blesseds, second issue**

**Design:** György Kara, from images in Esztergom Primate Archives, the Salesiani di Don Bosco and the Oradea Diocesan Archives.

**Printing:** litho (first sheet), or litho with silver and 'diffraction layer', and embossing (second sheet), Banknote Printing Company.

**Miniature sheet (3 x 1):** designs composite with border.

400Ft Zoltán Lajos Meszlényi (1892-1951), priest and subsequently suffragan Bishop of Esztergom, died in internment camp; beatified in 2009

400Ft István Sándor (1914-1953), printer and priest, executed in 1953 for remaining active as a Salesian when the order was banned; beatified in 2013

400Ft Szilárd Bogdánffy (1911-1953), seminary teacher and clandestinely ordained Bishop of Oradea, Romania, died in labour camp; beatified in 2010

**Miniature sheet (3 x 1):** designs composite with order.

400Ft Zoltán Lajos Meszlényi

400Ft István Sándor

400Ft Szilárd Bogdánffy

Note: a special pack containing both miniature sheets, and a monochrome print of the second sheet in cyan, was sold at a premium

## 094 March 4, 2014

**Animal Cubs. Young Animals & Birds from the Zoological Gardens of Budapest**

**Design:** Tibor Zoltán Petényi. All designs are portrait heads of creatures born in the zoo.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Sheetlet:** 12 stamps (6 x 2), designs composite with tabs at top and base.

115Ft Sempala the giraffe

115Ft Sid the two-toed sloth

115Ft Jakab the Barbary sheep

115Ft Moira the orang-utan

115Ft Bangita the blackbuck

115Ft Maszat the prairie dog

115Ft Mazsola the ground cuscus

115Ft Rozi the meerkat

115Ft Gizmó the ring-tailed lemur

115Ft Skipper the African penguin

115Ft Kiran the Asiatic lion

115Ft Wilto the common wombat

Tab: partial world maps showing animals' names and area of origin

## 095 March 5, 2014

**Klári Tolnay, 1914-1988**

**Design:** Glória Hefelle.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Sheetlet (4 x 1):**

260Ft x 4 portrait of the singer

## 096 March 5, 2014

**Annie Fischer, 1914-1995**

**Design:** Péter Nagy, after photograph by G MacDomic.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Sheetlet (4 x 1):**

285Ft x 4 the concert pianist performing with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Steinberg in January 1959

## 097 March 28, 2014

**Easter 2014, issue 1. Paintings by Erzsébet Udvardi (1929-2013)**

**Design:** Eszter Domé, from photographs by József Hajdú of scenes from Udvardi's *The Way of the Cross* cycle of paintings in the church of the Holy Cross in Ferdo.

**Printing:** litho and gold foil, Banknote Printer. Stamps have gold frames.

**Sheetlet (3 x 5):**

90Ft Pilate condemns Jesus to death

90Ft Jesus carries his cross

90Ft Jesus falls under the weight of the cross for the first time

90Ft Jesus meets his mother

90Ft Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross

90Ft Veronica offers her veil to Jesus

90Ft Jesus falls under the weight of the

90Ft cross for the second time  
Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem

90Ft Jesus falls under the weight of the cross for the third time

90Ft Jesus is stripped of his garments

90Ft Jesus is nailed to the cross

90Ft Jesus dies on the cross

90Ft Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid on his mother's lap

90Ft Jesus is laid in the tomb

90Ft the angel announces the resurrection of Jesus

## 098 March 28, 2014

**Easter 2014, issue 2. Painting by Erzsébet Udvardi (1929-2013)**

**Design:** Eszter Domé, from photograph by József Hajdú.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Sheet stamp:**

115Ft *Recognition:* two disciples travelling to Emmaus recognise the resurrected Jesus when he breaks bread with them

## 099 April 4, 2014

**Miklós Ybl, 1814-1891**

**Design:** Ferenc Gusztáv Feredi, after photograph by József Hajdú.

**Printing:** litho, Banknote Printer.

**Miniature sheet:** design composite with border.

1000Ft Wenckheim Palace, stately home in Szabadkigyós, constructed 1875-1879; floor plan of the building in background

Note: Ybl was the architect of the building. The Wenckheim family made their fortune from tobacco-growing

## JERSEY

(last listed in Jan 2015)

## 100 Jan 6, 2015

**Dragons**

**Design:** Adrian Chesterman.

**Printing:** litho (with spot varnish layer), Lowe-Martin.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 with enlarged illustrated borders.

46p the dragon from the Anglo-Saxon poem *Beowulf*

56p the dragon and St George

62p the Bakunawa, in Philippine mythology the dragon which causes eclipses

70p the Colchian dragon, in Greek mythology the guardian of the golden fleece

82p green, red and golden Chinese dragons

91p Welsh dragon, with raised foreleg

**Miniature sheet (3 x 2):**

46p, 56p, 62p, 70p, 82p, 91p, designs as sheet stamps

Border: flying dragon

## KIRIBATI

(last listed in Jan 2014)

## 101 Oct 8, 2013

**Definitives. Water Transportation**

(addition to listing of January 2014)

**Design:** Derek Miller.

**Printing:** litho, BDT.

**Miniature sheet (4 x 4):**





# Special Easter Offer!

Take advantage of our Easter offer and save money plus get your magazines delivered straight to the door. You could even buy your loved ones a gift subscription! **Don't miss out – subscribe today!**

## £19.99\*

for any of these titles...

\*UK ONLY OFFER

## CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF HOBBY MAGAZINES GREAT SAVINGS



SUBSCRIBE SECURELY ONLINE: [www.mymagazineoffers.co.uk/EA33](http://www.mymagazineoffers.co.uk/EA33)

CALL: 0844 543 8200 and Quote EA33

BY POST: Please complete the form below and post it to the address provided. Quote Ref: EA33

### YOUR DETAILS: (This section must be completed)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms..... Name.....  
Surname.....  
Address.....  
Postcode..... Country.....  
Tel/Mob.....  
Email.....  
D.O.B.....  
(Complete if the subscription is for yourself)  
Magazine..... Price.....

### GIFT RECIPIENT (Complete 'Your details' first)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms..... Name.....  
Surname.....  
Address.....  
Postcode..... Country.....  
Tel/Mob.....  
Email.....  
D.O.B.....  
(Complete if gift recipient is under 18)  
Magazine..... Price.....

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Please make cheques payable to MyTimeMedia Ltd and write code **EA33** and magazine title on the back.

☐ Postal Order/Cheque ☐ Visa/Mastercard ☐ Maestro  
Card no: (Maestro)

Cardholder's name: .....

Valid from ..... Expiry date ..... Maestro issue no.....

Signature ..... Date .....

**SEND TO: MYTIMEMEDIA SUBSCRIPTIONS, Tower House, Sovereign Park, Market Harborough, Leics LE16 9EF**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Offer ends 15th April 2015. UK offer only. Subscriptions will start with the next available issue unless requested otherwise. For full terms & conditions visit [www.mytimemedia.co.uk/terms](http://www.mytimemedia.co.uk/terms). From time to time, your chosen magazine & MyTimeMedia Ltd may contact you regarding your subscription, or with details of its products and services. Your details will be processed in full accordance with all relevant UK and EU data protection legislation. If you DO NOT wish to be contacted by MyTimeMedia Ltd & your magazine please tick here: ☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Phone. If you DO NOT wish to be contacted by carefully chosen 3rd parties, please tick here: ☐ Post ☐ Phone. If you DO wish to be contacted by carefully chosen 3rd parties, please tick here: ☐ Email.



10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 75c, \$1, \$2, \$5, designs as sheet stamps  
Border: ocean waves

## 102 June 16, 2014

### Mangroves. Coastal Protection Scheme

**Design:** Denise Durkin, from drawings of mangrove trees and seedlings, and photographs of planting parties.

**Printing:** litho, Southern Colour Print, NZ.

#### Sheet stamps:

- 45c building on shoreline and mangroves  
75c man and children with mangrove plantation behind beach  
\$1.00 mangroves and planting party  
\$3.00 planting seedlings in beach

## 103 Sept 8, 2014

### Kiribati's Participation in the 20th Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

**Design:** Derek Miller.

**Printing:** litho.

#### Miniature sheet (1 x 2):

- \$2.50 parade of athletes: Kiribati team and coaches marching in the stadium  
\$2.50 games mascot: one of the 41 black Scottish terriers in the parade, wearing a tartan jacket with Kiribati sign

Border: scene from opening ceremony, Celtic Park (Parkhead) stadium

Note: the athletes appeared in the parade in continental groups rather than individual countries

## 104 Sept 8, 2014

### David Katoatau, Weightlifting Gold Medallist at the 20th Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

**Design:** Derek Miller, from photographs.

**Printing:** litho.

#### Sheet stamps:

- 25c David Katoatau completing a lift in the men's 105kg category, and flag of Kiribati  
75c David Katoatau holding his gold medal, and flag of Kiribati

Note: Katoatau's medal was the first ever won by Kiribati athletes in the Commonwealth Games

## NAMIBIA

(last listed in Jan 2015)

**Correction:** the issue date of the Transport in Namibia: Donkey Cart miniature sheet (listed in January 2015) was July 12, 2014

## 105 May 21, 2014

### My Namibia, My Country, My Pride

**Printing:** litho. Non-denominated.

#### Sheet stamp:

- (N\$3.30) outline map of Namibia infilled with national flag, slogan 'My Namibia, My Country, My Pride' (inscribed 'Standard Mail')

#### Miniature sheet:

- (N\$23.40) outline map of Namibia infilled with national flag, slogan 'My Namibia, My Country, My Pride' (inscribed 'Inland Registered Mail')

Border: NamPost logo, and heart-shape wrapped in Namibian flag

## POLAND

(last listed in Nov 2014)

## 106 July 18, 2014

### Regional Products series. Apples

**Design:** Agnieszka Sancewicz.

**Printing:** gravure, PWPW.

#### Sheetlet (3 x 3): with decorated border.

- 5zł x 9 red apple variety from Łącko, Nowy Sącz region, and European Union certificate of geographical origin

Border: apple drawings

## 107 July 31, 2014

### Birds of Poland. Bee-Eater

**Design:** Marzanna Dabrowska.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Miniature sheet:

- 5.50zł European bee-eater, *Merops apiaster*, on branch

Border: bee-eater in flight, field-flowers

## 108 Aug 1, 2014

### 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising

**Design:** Agnieszka Sancewicz (painted illustration).

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 5.20zł Witold Kiezun (b1922) during the uprising

Note: Kiezun participated in the uprising under the code name Wypad, serving in the Harnas special combat unit as Second Lieutenant. Post-war, as a lawyer and noted economist, he was imprisoned by the NKVD in the Soviet Union

## 109 Aug 6, 2014

### The Polish Legion in the Great War

**Design:** Karol Tabaka and Przemysław Krajewski (drawings).

**Printing:** recess and gravure, PWPW.

#### Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 8.50zł portrait of Józef Piłsudski, later leader of Poland, in uniform, c1914

Border: legionaries undertaking training in shooting near Zakopane, 1913

## 110 Aug 14, 2014

### Polish Madonnas of the Eastern Borderlands

**Design:** Agnieszka Sancewicz, after paintings.

**Printing:** gravure, PWPW.

#### Sheet stamp: sheets of 9.

- 1.75zł Mother of God from Drohobytsh (now in Ukraine)  
4.20zł Mother of God from Kochawina (now in Ukraine)

Note: the paintings were brought into central Poland by refugees from the east, following the changes to Polish frontiers in 1945

## 111 Aug 29, 2014

### Fungi

**Design:** Marzanna Dabrowska.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Sheetlet (2 x 4): 4 vertically se-tenant stamps and 4 horizontally se-tenant labels.

- 1.75zł *Cantharellus cibarius*  
2.35zł *Agaricus campestris*  
3.75zł *Russula vesca*  
4.20zł *Boletus edulis*

Labels: inedible or poisonous fungi of similar appearance to fungi on the stamps, *Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca*, *Amanita virosa*, *Russula emetica* and *Tylopilus felleus*  
Border: ferns, QR code

## 112 Aug 30, 2014

### Men's World Volleyball Championships, Poland, September-October 2014

**Design:** Karel Tabaka.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Miniature sheet (3 x 2):

- 1.75zł smash  
1.75zł overhead serve  
2.25zł set  
5zł pitch  
5.10zł bump  
5.50zł spike

Tabs: tournament emblems for the six host cities

## 113 Aug 30, 2014

### Smiles Heal

**Design:** Agatha Tobolczyk.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Sheet stamp: sheets of 12 (4 x 3).

- 1.75zł stethoscope and red nose arranged in shape of clown's face, emblem of the Dr Clown Foundation

## 114 Sept 25, 2014

### Polish Street Art. Work by Natalia Rak

**Design:** Robert Duczkowski.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 4.20zł girl pouring from a watering can (covering end of four-storey house which has bush at foot of wall), by Natalia Rak

Note: member of the Etam group in Białystok

## 115 Sept 29, 2014

### Alternative Sources of Energy

**Design:** Agata Tobolczyk.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

#### Sheetlet: 8 stamps arranged in two se-tenant blocks with composite design, the right-side block inverted to create a tête-bêche layout.

- 1.75zł x 2 island, with sector having hydro-electric barrage, and parkland, bird  
1.75zł x 2 island, with sector having tall buildings fitted with solar panels  
1.75zł x 2 island, with sector having geothermal energy installations underway, and electrical transmission pylon  
1.75zł x 2 island, with sector having wind turbine, and parkland

## 116 Sept 30, 2014

### World Weather & Atmospheric Phenomena

**Design:** Marzanna Dabrowska.

**Printing:** litho and serigraphy (screenprinting), PWPW.

#### Sheetlet (4 x 3): 3 horizontally se-tenant strips of 4.

- 1.75zł northern lights (*Aurora borealis*)  
2.35zł halo  
4.20zł volcanic ash cloud  
5.50zł ice crystals  
Border: ice crystals and snow flakes

## 117 Oct 2, 2014

### Jan Nowak-Jezioranski

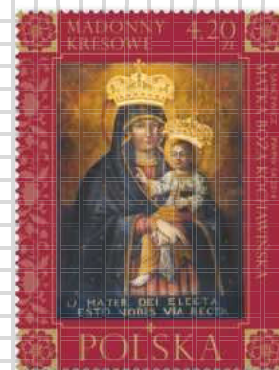
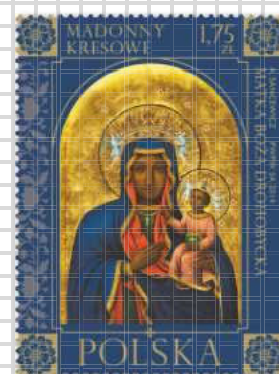
**Design:** Karel Tabaka.

**Printing:** gravure, PWPW.

**Sheetlet (4 x 3):** arranged with 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th and 12th stamps inverted, creating various vertical and horizontal tête-bêche combinations.  
4.20zł photographic portrait of the journalist and radio broadcaster, and RFE (Radio



**103 KIRIBATI**  
Commonwealth Games



**110 POLAND**  
Madonnas of the Eastern Borderlands



**113 POLAND**  
Smiles Heal



# EUROMILITAIRE

19th-20th September **2015**

The Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

● international traders  
manufacturers and materials

● 32 Competition Classes  
open to all - no preregistration

**Celebrating our  
30th year**



● military and civilian figures,  
vehicles, vignettes, dioramas flats,  
fantasy, wildlife, costume, history  
imagination - something for everyone

● the finest miniature  
art and sculpture  
to be seen  
worldwide

Pre-order your tickets today at:

**[www.euromilitaire.co.uk](http://www.euromilitaire.co.uk)**

or email: [david.holden@mytimemedia.com](mailto:david.holden@mytimemedia.com)



Free Europe emblem

Note: a diplomat, Nowak-Jezioranski became a Polish Home Army courier between Warsaw and the government in exile and British government in London. Post-war, he was one of the founders of Radio Free Europe, working from Britain and West Germany

**118 Oct 10, 2014**

**Marine Life of the Coral Reefs & Warszawa 2014 National Stamp Exhibition**

**Design:** Jacek Konarzewski.

**Printing:** gravure, PWPW.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 16.

35gr	Arabian surgeon fish, <i>Acanthurus sohal</i>
45gr	four-eye butterflyfish, <i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>
55gr	blue ribbon eel, <i>Rhinomuraena quaesita</i>
65gr	sea horse, <i>Hippocampus sp</i>
1.10zl	clown triggerfish, <i>Balistoides conspicillum</i>
1.20zl	blue-face angelfish, <i>Pomacanthus xanthurus</i>
1.30zl	copperband butterflyfish, <i>Chelmon rostratus</i>
1.40zl	false clownfish, <i>Amphiprion ocellaris</i>
Labels:	emblems of philatelic organisations
<b>Sheetlet (4 x 3):</b>	9 stamps and 3 labels.
1.20zl x 9	blue-face angelfish, <i>Pomacanthus xanthurus</i>

Labels: emblems of philatelic organisations

Note: the sheetlet is reported as being sold only at the exhibition, at a premium price of 40zl

**119 Oct 14, 2014**

**Stefan Zeromski, 1864-1925**

**Design:** Agata Tobolczyk (photomontage).

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 9 (3 x 3). Design composite with borders.

4.20zl	photographic portrait of the novelist and dramatist, overlain on picture of his books on bookshelf
--------	--

**120 Oct 18, 2014**

**Poland, World Men's Volleyball Champions, 2014**

**Design:** Jacek Konarzewski, incorporating photographs of team members.

**Printing:** litho, PWPW.

**Sheetlet (4 x 4):** 16 stamps and 2 labels.

1zl	Stéphane Antiga (trainer)
1zl	Piotra Nowakowski
1zl	Michał Winiarski
1zl	Dawida Konarski
1zl	Rafał Buszek
1zl	Paweł Zagumny
1zl	Karol Kłos
1zl	Andrzej Wrony
1zl	Mariusz Wiszty
1zl	Fabien Drzyzgi
1zl	Michał Kubiak
1zl	Krzysztof Ignaczak
1zl	Paweł Zatorski
1zl	Marcin Mozdzonek
1zl	Mateusz Mika
1zl	Philippe Blaine (trainer)

Labels: team at medal ceremony and gold medals

**SWITZERLAND**

(last listed in Jan 2015)

**121 May 7, 2013**

**Europa 2013. Postal Transport**

**Design:** Peter Hummel.

**Printing:** litho, Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein.

**Gummed sheet stamps:** sheets of 16 comprising panes of 8 of each design.

100c	Tribelhorn electric three-wheeled delivery van (introduced in 1921, in service until 1950)
100c	Kyburz DXP electric three-wheeled scooter (2011-2012)

**Maximum cards:** the photographs on which the stamp designs were based

**122 May 7, 2013**

**Pro Patria 2013. Exhibits from Smaller Museums of Switzerland**

**Design:** Vito Noto.

**Printing:** litho.

**Gummed sheet stamps:**

85 + 40c	straw hat (1920) from Strohmuseum, Wohlen
85 + 40c	wax toad (talisman/votive offering for the Black Madonna of Einsiedeln), from Museum Fram, Einsiedeln
100 + 50c	carpenter's plane (probably made by the craftsman who used it), early 20th century, from Bagnes Museum, Villette
100 + 50c	wood carving of a gort (cow with unusual markings), decoration for farmhouse parlour, early 20th century, from Toggenburger Museum, Lichtensteig

**Booklet (sold at 14.50f):**

Pane: 85 + 40c x 6, straw hat

Pane: 100 + 50c x 4, carpenter's plane

Cover: straw hat and plane (as stamp motifs)

Note: booklet price includes 1.00f 'manufacturing' surcharge

**123 May 7, 2013**

**Art. The Venice Biennale**

**Design:** Valentin Carron.

**Printing:** litho, Giesecke & Devrient, Leipzig.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2) with decorated border.

100c	<i>They I You He We</i> , metal snake sculpture
------	---

**124 May 7, 2013**

**Action Plan for the White Stork**

**Design:** Corinne Oesch.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé. Die-cut perf 14 1/4 x 13 3/4.

**Self-adhesive sheet stamp:** sheets of 20 (4 x 5).  
100c white stock, *Ciconia ciconia*, reeds and outline of Switzerland

Note: Action Plan developed by the Swiss Society for the White Stork, continuing past breeding programme and developing stork-friendly environment in the plain of the River Aare around Solothurn

**125 May 7, 2013**

**Definitives. Vegetable Flowers**

**Design:** Reinhard Fluri.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé.

**Self-adhesive stamps:**

130c	sweet bell pepper flowers, <i>Capsicum annuum</i>
220c	leek flowers, <i>Allium pomum</i>

Note: the two designs were sold as a loose panel of two, and in separate business sheets of 10 (2 x 5) at 13.00f and 22.00f respectively

**126 May 31, 2013**

**Switzerland, Silver Medallists at the World Ice Hockey Championships, 2013**

**Design:** Beat Leuenberger and Jürg Glauser.

**Printing:** litho, Gutenberg, Liechtenstein.

**Sheetlet (5 x 2):**

100c x 10	Swiss ice hockey team in group huddle around goal-minder (photograph, by freshfocus)
-----------	--

Border: inscription and date

Note: the Swiss team was defeated in the final in Stockholm in May 2013; their only comparable success was silver medal in Davos, 1935

**127 Sept 5, 2013**

**Young Farmyard Creatures**

**Design:** Judith Brennwald.

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé. Die-cut perf 13 3/4 x 14 1/4.

**Self-adhesive sheet stamps:** sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

85c	hen chicks
100c	calves
140c	lambs
190c	piglets

**128 Sept 5, 2013**

**Cities of Switzerland, issue 2**

**Design:** Lorena Falivene (Lausanne), Eveline Maio (Bern) or Selina Locher (Winterthur).

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé.

**Self-adhesive sheet stamps:** sheets of 20.

100c	Lausanne: buildings on hillside
100c	Bern: the Bernese bear
100c	Winterthur: buildings including the Foto Museum and the Sulzer Hochhaus (1966), until recently the tallest building in Switzerland

Note: second issue of winning entries in stamp design competition

**129 Sept 5, 2013**

**Restoration. Rehabilitation of Riverine Environments**

**Design:** Fanchon Cartier and Simon Moser.

**Printing:** litho, including spot-varnish layer, Gutenberg, Liechtenstein.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 15 arranged in 5 rows of 3 se-tenant composite designs.

100c	plan of islands in stream of river, and peacock butterfly
100c	bird on rock in river, and human relaxing beneath bankside tree
100c	trout leaping rapids, and woman in calm pool teaching child to swim

Note: rehabilitation work on rivers Birs, Aare and Urtenen

**130 Sept 5, 2013**

**The Goldvreneli**

**Design:** Martine Dietrich.

**Printing:** litho and gold foil stamped and embossed, Cartor. Circular format stamp. Perf 13 1/4.

**Miniature sheet:**

600c	obverse of 20f Vreneli gold coin featuring profile head of Helvetia
------	---

Border: Swiss shield, oak leaves (from reverse of coin)



**118 POLAND**

Marine Life of Coral Reefs



**129 SWITZERLAND**

Rehabilitation of Riverine Environments



**125 SWITZERLAND**

Definitives. Vegetable Flowers



NEW  
MAGAZINE

100  
PACKED  
PAGES!



Downloadable digital editions for all smart phone and tablet devices available soon.

Follow us on



ISSUE TWO

**explore**  
DISCOVER YOUR WORLD AND BEYOND

**ON SALE NOW!**

**explore** is a NEW monthly magazine bursting with extraordinary features, including science, history, technology, space, the environment and much more...

**Inside our next issue...**

**Issue 3** celebrates the 70th anniversary of VE Day. From the soldiers who fought in World War II, to those who lived through the war at home. Following victory in 1945 to rebuilding their lives and families.

**Explore History, Issue 3, VE Day, on sale 20th March**

To advertise in any of the issues, please call David Holden on +44 (0) 1689 869 867, or email [david.holden@mytimemedia.com](mailto:david.holden@mytimemedia.com) for details.





Note: the coin, minted 1877-1930s and in late 1940s, was designed by Fritz Ullisse Landry, 1842-1927, but adapted by a political committee to make the young woman more 'mature'

## 131 Sept 5, 2014

### The Smurfs

**Design:** Peyo Studio, after Peyo (Pierre Culliford, the Belgian creator of the Smurfs, 1958).

**Printing:** litho, Enschedé.

**Self-adhesive panel:** loose panel of 2 stamps.

100c Smurfs kissing

100c Papa Smurf, in red hat

**Self-adhesive booklet (10.00f):** stamps affixed to inside covers in 2 blocks of 4 and 1 vertical pair.

100c x 5 Smurfs kissing

100c x 5 Papa Smurf, in red hat

Cover: Smurf waving

## VANUATU

(last listed in Aug 2014)

## 132 Jan 15, 2014

### Completion of Southern Cross Submarine Cable System Linking Vanuatu to Fiji

**Design:** Denise Durkin.

**Printing:** litho, with holograms, Southern Colour Print, New Zealand.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 35 (7 x 5), arranged in strips of 3 Fiji stamps, 1 label and 3 Vanuatu stamps.

40vt Île de Ré (cable laying ship owned by Alcatel), and workers hauling cable

130vt divers on sea bed connecting and checking cable

180vt computer cable connections, USB style

Fiji stamps: \$6.00, \$1.20, 65c (see Fiji listing)

Label: Pacific map

Note: joint issue with Fiji. The Vanuatu stamps are inscribed 'Joint issue with Fiji' and are the 1st 2nd and 3rd stamps in each horizontal strip. The holograms form circular 'nodules' on each stamp, and the country names

## VATICAN CITY

(last listed in Jan 2015)

## 133 Aug 28, 2014

### Beatification of Pope Paul VI

**Printing:** litho, Cartor.

**Sheetlet (2 x 2):**

0.70€ Pope Paul VI (Giovanni Battista Montini, 1897-1978) giving blessing

Border: St Peter's Basilica

## 134 Aug 28, 2014

### 400th anniversary of the Death of St Camillus de Lellis, 1550-1614

**Design:** from painting attributed to school of Sebastiano Conca, in Church of St Mary Magdalene in Rome.

**Printing:** litho, Cartor.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

0.70€ St Camillus amongst those stricken by the Plague

Note: founder of the Order of the Ministers to the Sick, or Camilians, recognised by Pope Gregory XIV in 1591

## 135 Aug 28, 2014

### 350th anniversary of the Synod of Aytthaya (Thailand)

**Printing:** litho, Printex, Malta.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

2.00€ missionaries receive mandate from Pope Alexander III, and Church of St Joseph of Ayutthaya in Thailand (c300 years old)

Note: joint issue with Thailand

## 136 Aug 28, 2014

### Centenary of the Death of Pope Pius X

**Printing:** litho, FNMT (State Mint), Madrid.

**Sheet stamp:**

2.00€ monument to St Pius X (Giuseppe Sarto, 1835-1914) in St Peter's Basilica, by Pier Enrico Astorri

## 137 Aug 28, 2014

### Richard Strauss, 1864-1949

**Design:** from sketch by Marco Ventura.

**Printing:** litho, Printex, Malta.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

0.70€ Strauss conducting

Note: composer and conductor, also a pioneer in the establishment of composer's performing rights (copyright). A pack containing a stamp and a music CD was also released, at €9.90

## 138 Aug 28, 2014

### 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

**Design:** from photograph by Michael-Reiner Enrst.

**Printing:** litho, Printex, Malta.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

0.85€ Berliner demolishing the white-washed and graffiti-daubed concrete wall with hammer and chisel (November 1989)

**Miniature sheet:**

3.60€ rainbow

Border: names of the 138 people who died attempting to cross the wall, 1975-1989

## 139 Nov 21, 2014

### 450th anniversary of the Death of Michelangelo Buonarroti, 1475-1564

**Design:** paintings by Michelangelo.

**Printing:** litho, Postal Printing House, Prague.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

0.70€ The Crucifixion of St Peter

0.85€ Saul on the Road to Damascus

## 140 Nov 21, 2014

### William Shakespeare, 1564-1616

**Design:** Marina Richterová (Czech Republic).

**Printing:** litho, Printex, Malta.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5) with decorative border.

0.85€ the English poet, dramatist and theatrical director holding a daisy

## 141 Nov 21, 2014

### Travels of Pope Francis in 2013

**Design:** from photographs.

**Printing:** litho, Printex, Malta.

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

0.70€ Pope Francis during visit to Brazil (July 22-29, 2013), and Christ the Redeemer monument

0.85€ Pope Francis preaching from a ship's pulpit, during visit to Salina, island of Lampedusa, Italy

**Booklet (3.40€):** single pane attached by left selvedge.

Pane: 0.85€ x 4 (plain white borders)

Cover: Pope Francis beside migrant boat

Note: proceeds from the 0.85€ stamp and booklet donated to migrant relief

## 142 Nov 21, 2014

### Christmas 2014

**Design:** detail from murals by Argentinian artist Raúl Soldi, 1905-1994.

**Printing:** litho, Cartor.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

0.85€ The Birth of Christ: Jesus with Mary, Joseph and the Magi

Note: Soldi painted 250m<sup>2</sup> of frescos in the Church of St Anne in Glew (suburb of Buenos Aires), over 23 consecutive summers from 1953. Joint issue with Argentina

## WALLIS & FUTUNA

(last listed in Oct 2014)

## 143 March 4, 2012

### First Territorial Assembly

**Design:** adapted photograph.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste), France.

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

200f islanders voting at a meeting

## 144 April 17, 2012

### Flat-Plate Coral Formations

**Design:** Environmental Service, after photographs.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste).

**Sheet stamps:** sheets of 20 arranged in 5 se-tenant strips of 4.

10f flat-plate coral

30f flat-plate coral (different)

40f flat-plate coral (different)

55f flat-plate coral (different)

## 145 March 28, 2012

### 70th anniversary of American Troop Landings in Wallis & Futuna

**Design:** P Laurent, after photograph from Free French archive source.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste).

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

55f American troops wading ashore on Wallis from landing craft, 1942, with accompanying naval and aid vessels

## 146 June 21, 2012

### Historical Scenes, issue 2. The King of Uvea

**Design:** F Angleviel.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste).

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

380f Lavelua, King of Uvea, with his court and bodyguards, c1900

## 147 July 16, 2012

### Art. Poetry of the Sea

**Design:** R Hoatau.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste).

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

35f Poetry of the Sea: meld of maritime elements

## 148 July 27, 2012

### Opening of the Payments Office

**Design:** A Manceau.

**Printing:** litho, ITVF (PhilaPoste).

**Sheet stamp:** sheets of 10 (2 x 5).

135f headquarters of the Finance Authority



## 132 VANUATU

Submarine Cable System



## 138 VATICAN CITY

Fall of the Berlin Wall



## 142 VATICAN CITY

Christmas 2014



## 147 WALLIS & FUTUNA

Poetry of the Sea



## A HANDY CROSS-REFERENCE TO ACCOMPANY THIS MONTH'S NEW ISSUE GUIDE

The most popular collecting themes are listed in alphabetical order, with the reference numbers of all the relevant entries in this month's New Issue Guide, guiding you quickly to the new stamps which most interest you. Personalities are given a separate listing for your convenience. A single stamp issue will often be cross-referenced under more than one category.

### THEMES

#### A

**Administration & Government:** 048, 055, 062, 067, 078, 143, 148  
**Agriculture & Animal Husbandry:** 086; Cattle 062, 063, 122, 127; Chickens 127; Fruit Growing 106; Peasant Life 062; Pigs 127; Sheep 005, 127; Vegetables 125  
**Americana:** 086, 145  
**Ancient World:** 015, 056, 139  
**Animals:** 005, 063, 065, 084, 091, 094, 103, 127, 128; Animal Cruelty 044  
**Architecture:** 008, 010, 013, 017, 024, 053, 054, 056, 061, 072, 077, 099, 114, 115, 128, 135, 148  
**Arctic:** 116  
**Argentina:** 142  
**Armed Forces:** 046, 050, 083, 108, 109, 145  
**Art:** 082  
**Atomic:** 041  
**Australiana:** 050

#### B

**Banking, Finance & Insurance:** 024, 069, 078, 148  
**Battles:** 050, 145  
**Bees:** 007  
**Bells:** 034  
**Benelux:** 026, 028  
**Bicycles:** 040  
**Birds:** 001, 002, 065, 074, 094, 107, 115, 124, 127, 129; Chickens 127; Penguins 074, 094  
**Boats:** 031, 076, 101  
**Brazil:** 042, 141  
**Bridges:** 057, 087  
**British History & Motifs:** 021, 035, 083, 140  
**Butterflies & Moths:** 129

#### C

**Canals:** 076  
**Cartoons & Comic Strips:** 007, 131  
**Castles & Fortifications:** 055, 061  
**Chemistry:** 079, 080  
**Chess:** 089  
**Children:** 001, 002, 003, 019  
**China (country):** 005, 032, 091  
**Christmas:** 003, 004, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 073, 081, 082, 090, 142  
**Christmas Seals:** 004  
**Churches, Cathedrals & Abbeys:** 010, 013, 054, 056, 060, 061, 133, 135, 136, 142  
**Churchill:** 083  
**Cinema:** 007, 020, 023  
**Circus:** 044  
**Cities, Towns & Settlements:** 008, 010, 013, 015, 017, 024, 026, 053, 054, 055, 056, 067, 072, 077, 108, 112, 114, 128, 138  
**Coats of Arms:** 067, 089, 092, 128  
**Coins:** 024, 069, 130  
**Computers:** 075, 132

**Conservation:** 013, 094, 102, 124, 129  
**Costume:** 019, 038, 059, 122

#### D

**Dams:** 115  
**Dance:** 038  
**Design:** 001, 002, 023, 049, 066, 077  
**Disasters:** 108, 134, 141  
**Diving:** 075, 132  
**Dogs:** 032, 103  
**Dragons:** 100

#### E

**Easter:** 097, 098  
**Education:** 066  
**Embroidery:** 051  
**Engineering:** 011, 057, 076, 079  
**Environment:** 039, 102, 115, 121, 129, 144  
**Ethnography:** 059  
**Europa:** 038, 121  
**Europe:** 069, 106

#### F

**Family:** 001, 002  
**Fish (freshwater):** 129  
**Flags:** 031, 032, 045, 104, 105  
**Flowers:** 006, 007, 009, 013, 041, 088, 125, 140  
**Folklore:** 038, 081, 090  
**Food & Drink:** 001, 002, 003, 004, 090, 106, 125  
**France:** 075, 132, 145, 146, 148  
**Fruits:** 106  
**Fungi:** 068, 111

#### G

**Gardens:** 006, 009, 114, 125  
**Geology & Landforms:** 060  
**Germany:** 035, 050, 079, 080, 137, 138  
**Gold:** 024, 130  
**Greetings:** 001, 002, 088

#### H

**Handicrafts:** 051, 059, 122  
**Hands:** 001, 002  
**Hats:** 122  
**Hearts:** 001, 002  
**Historians:** 033  
**Horses:** 012, 032, 091, 100  
**Human Rights:** 062, 064, 093, 138  
**Hydrology:** 076, 079, 080, 087, 114, 115, 116

#### I

**Independence, Revolutions & Uprisings:** 033, 034, 064, 108, 138  
**Industry:** 041, 077, 079, 080  
**Insects:** 007, 129  
**International Cooperation:** 019, 031, 032, 045, 064, 075, 087, 132  
**Inventions, Implements & Gadgets:** 012, 023, 041, 043, 075, 076, 079, 080, 113, 115, 121, 122, 132, 138

**Italy:** 014, 139, 141

#### L

**Languages & Linguistics:** 043  
**Law & Constitution:** 034, 055, 078  
**Liechtenstein:** 014  
**Lighthouses:** 070

#### M

**Maps:** 014, 037, 049, 069, 070, 071, 105, 124  
**Marine Life:** Corals 144; Eels 118; Fish 118; Seahorses 118  
**Masonry:** 036  
**Mathematics:** 078, 079, 080  
**Medals & Badges:** 089, 014, 120  
**Medicine:** 052, 113  
**Meteorology & Climate:** 116  
**Mills:** 005  
**Minerals:** 060  
**Mountains:** 047  
**Museums & Galleries:** 003, 008, 018, 059, 060, 072, 122, 128  
**Music:** 020, 024, 035, 038, 095, 096, 137  
**Musical Instruments:** 024, 038  
**Mythology:** 015, 100

#### N

**National Parks & Reserves:** 013, 061  
**Navies:** 050, 145  
**Navigation:** 037  
**New Year:** 032, 084, 091  
**Nobel Prizes:** 083

#### O

**Opera:** 035, 137

#### P

**Paintings & Prints:** 010, 018, 019, 022, 023, 026, 027, 035, 055, 062, 066, 072, 085, 091, 097, 098, 110, 114, 134, 139, 142, 147  
**Papacy:** 133, 135, 136, 141  
**Personalisable Stamp Issues:** 002, 071, 088  
**Pets:** 103  
**Philosophy:** 023, 047  
**Photography:** 021, 054, 074, 083, 086, 116, 126  
**Physics:** 079, 080, 116  
**Plants:** 039, 102, 124  
**Poets:** 035  
**Police:** 062  
**Politics & Politicians:** 031, 032, 034, 064, 083, 086, 093, 109, 138, 143  
**Poppies:** 041  
**Ports & Harbours:** 101  
**Posts (history of):** 012, 014, 040, 121  
**Posts (modern operation of):** 071, 122  
**Power:** 041, 115  
**Press & Publishing:** 007, 043, 049, 086, 117, 119, 131  
**Public Safety:** 070



#### 070 LIGHTHOUSES

Sõru Leading-Line Lighthouses, Estonia



#### 111 FUNGI

Fungi, Poland



**R**

**Railways:** 011, 016, 017, 057  
**Religion:** 033, 034, 047, 056, 061, 093, 097, 098, 110, 135, 136, 139, 141, 142  
**Religious Art:** 025, 027, 028, 054, 097, 098, 110, 139, 142  
**Remembrance:** 058  
**Rivers:** 076, 087, 129  
**Roses:** 088  
**Royalty:** Austria 019; Bulgaria 046; Spain 019; Uvea 146  
**Russia:** 035, 045; USSR 064, 086, 108

**S**

**Sail Training:** 37  
**Sailing:** 037, 087, 101  
**Saints:** 033, 093, 133, 134, 136, 139  
**Science:** 079, 080  
**Scotland:** 103, 104  
**Sculpture:** 021, 025, 032, 034, 054, 056, 058, 123, 136, 141  
**Ships:** 037, 050, 075, 101, 132, 145  
**Sovereign Military Order of Malta:** 092  
**Spain:** 019  
**Sport:** Athletics 089; Commonwealth Games 104; Cycling 089; Fencing 089; Football 042, 089; Ice Hockey 126; Sports Clubs 089; Swimming 089; Volleyball 112, 120; Weightlifting 103, 104; Wrestling 089  
**Stamp Collecting:** 013, 118  
**Stamp Exhibitions:** 006, 009, 030, 035, 118  
**Switzerland:** 014, 020, 121-130

**T**

**Telecommunications, Radio & Television:** 007, 023, 075, 132, 117  
**Textiles:** 051, 059  
**Theatre:** 035, 119, 140  
**Tools:** 138  
**Tourism:** 016, 052, 061, 101, 129  
**Town Planning:** 017, 115  
**Toys & Games:** 081  
**Trade:** 003, 004, 014, 015, 048, 075, 076, 101, 132  
**Transport (road):** 017, 063; 121; Horse-drawn, 012  
**Trees:** 029, 030, 039, 067, 102

**U**

**UNESCO:** 077, 087  
**Uniforms:** 012, 046, 083, 109  
**United Nations:** 087  
**Universities:** 023, 047

**V**

**Vending Machine Labels:** 006, 009, 029, 030  
**Volcanoes:** 116

**W**

**Wales:** 100  
**Welfare & Charitable Organisations:** 004, 052, 092, 113, 134, 141  
**Windmills & Wind Turbines:** 005, 115  
**Women:** 018, 021, 086, 095, 096, 130, 138  
**World War I:** 050, 058, 109  
**World War II:** 083, 108, 117, 145  
**Writers:** 035, 083, 119, 140  
**Writing:** 043

**Y**

**Youth:** 022

**Z**

**Zoos:** 065, 094

**PERSONALITIES****A**

**Aladár:** Körösfői Kriesch, Hungarian art nouveau painter and sculptor, 085  
**Alexander I:** Tsar of Bulgaria, 046  
**Alexander III:** Italian-born Pope, 135  
**Anthim I:** Bulgarian Exarch of the Orthodox Church, nationalist, parliamentarian, 034

**B**

**Bogdánffy:** Szilard, Hungarian seminary teacher, bishop, victim of communist regime, 093  
**Brueghel:** Jan (the Elder), Flemish artist, 028

**C**

**Camillus de Lellis:** Italian monk, saint, ministering to the sick, 134  
**Capa:** Robert (Endre Erno Friedmann), Hungarian-born photojournalist, 086  
**Churchill:** Winston, English politician, Prime Minister, writer, artist, 083

**D**

**Deunov:** Petar, Bulgarian philosopher, spiritual leader, 047

**F**

**Fahrenheit:** Daniel Gabriel, German deviser of fixed temperature scale, 079  
**Fischer:** Annie, Hungarian international concert pianist, 096  
**Francis I:** Jorge Bergoglio, Argentinian-born Pope, 141

**G**

**Generalic:** Ivan, Croatian naïf artist, 062  
**Gropius:** Walter, German architect of the Bauhaus school, 077

**J**

**Jürgens:** Udo, Austrian-Swiss singer-songwriter, pianist, film star, 020

**K**

**Katoatau:** David, Kiribati weightlifter, gold medallist at Commonwealth Games, 104  
**Kiezun:** Witold, Polish nationalist, economist, member of Home Army in World War II, 108

**L**

**Lavelua:** King of Uvea, Wallis Island, 146  
**Lermontov:** Mikhail, Russian poet, writer, artist, 035  
**Lukk:** Herbert, Estonian artist, 072

**M**

**Margarita Teresa:** Austrian Habsburg Princess, Queen of Spain, 020  
**Mayer:** Ursula, Austrian avant-garde artist and photographer, 021  
**Meszlényi:** Zoltán Lajos, Hungarian priest, bishop, victim of Soviet internment, 093  
**Michelangelo:** Buonarroti, Italian artist of the renaissance, 139

**N**

**Nowak-Jezioranski:** Jan, Polish journalist and broadcaster, 117

**O**

**Parushev:** Stefan, first managing director of Bulgarian postal service, 040

**Paul VI:** Giovanni Battista Montini, Italian-born Pope, 133

**Pilsudski:** Józef, Polish military officer, leader of second Polish republic, 109

**Pius X:** Italian-born Pope, saint, 136

**R**

**Rak:** Natalia, Polish avant-garde street artist, 114

**Reisser:** Isabella, Austrian member of a family of printers and publishers, 018

**S**

**Sándor:** István, Hungarian printer, Salesian priest, victim of communist regime, 093

**Shakespeare:** William, English poet, dramatist, theatrical impresario, 035, 140

**Shevchenko:** Taras, Ukrainian writer, artist, folklorist, ethnographer, 035

**Soldi:** Raúl, Argentinian artist and illustrator, 142

**Sophronius of Wraza:** Bulgarian orthodox bishop, historian, nationalist, 033

**Strauss:** Richard, German composer, conductor, 035, 137

**T**

**Tolnay:** Klári, Hungarian singer, 095

**U**

**Ulvardi:** Erzsébet, Hungarian religious artist, 097, 098

**V**

**Valckenborch:** Lukas, Flemish artist, 026

**Velázquez:** Diego, Spanish painter to the Austrian and Spanish courts, 019

**von Mayer:** Julius Robert, German (Prussian) mathematician, physicist, 080

**W**

**Weibel:** Peter, Austrian artist, musician, video-maker, university lecturer, 023

**Werner:** Adolf, German architect of the Bauhaus school, 077

**Y**

**Ybl:** Miklós, Hungarian architect, 099

**Z**

**Zeromski:** Stefan, Polish novelist, dramatist, 119



**119 STEFAN ZEROMSKI**  
Polish novelist



**141 FRANCIS I**  
Argentinian Pope



**140 WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**  
English dramatist



**086 ROBERT CAPA**  
Hungarian photojournalist



**137 RICHARD STRAUSS**  
German composer



## STAMP SHOPS

### CORNWALL

#### West Cornwall Stamp Centre

Unit 3a, Hayle Ind. Park  
Hayle, Cornwall, TR27  
5JR.

Tel: 01736 751910

Fax: 01736 751911

Stamps of the World  
bought and sold. The  
largest stock of albums  
and accessories in the  
South West. Available  
from our shop or by mail order.  
Shop hours: 8.30 - 5.00  
Mon-Fri. Saturday -  
Closed.

Access and Visa  
welcomed.

### WARWICKSHIRE

#### Phill-lately & Stamps Wixford Unit, Stratford Antiques and Interiors

Dodwell Trading Estate,  
Evesham Road,  
Stratford-Upon-Avon  
CV37 9ST

Tel: 07972 078971

[www.phill-lately-stamps.co.uk](http://www.phill-lately-stamps.co.uk)

Open to buy and sell  
Wed to Sun 10am - 5pm.  
Stamps, Postal History  
and collections of GB and  
Commonwealth.  
Beginner to specialised.  
Accessories.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

#### M & C Stamps

Shop 30, Gloucester  
Antiques Centre,  
High Orchard Street,  
Gloucester,  
GL1 5SH.

Tel: 01452 506361

Fax: 01452 307161

GB, Commonwealth and  
World Stamps. GB New  
Issue Service.

Accessories for all  
collectors.

Open: Thursdays -  
Monday

10.00-5.00pm, including  
Sunday

1-5 pm. Access and Visa

### HERTFORDSHIRE

I hold over 1 million stamps of GB, Commonwealth  
and Foreign, covering over 130 countries. I pride  
myself on good quality and cater for all classes of  
collector. All our customers are welcome to stay  
as long as they want. Refreshments are available  
whilst you browse and study our stamps.

Our comfortable premises is open all day  
and most evenings, Monday to Friday and  
some Saturdays.

I offer easy off road parking on the fringe of  
the pretty Hertfordshire village of Kings Langley  
and am 10 minutes drive from J21/M25/M1 and  
5 Minutes from J20/M25. Alternatively if you  
prefer to travel by train, Kings Langley Station  
(Euston, Birmingham line) is a 10 minute drive. I  
can collect and take you back to the Station.

Please ring in advance to book appointment. I  
like to discuss your collecting needs to enable me  
to prepare stamps and collections that will excite  
and make your visit worth while.

**Alternatively for collectors who cannot  
journey to our office you might like to trial our  
Approval Service. We stock 130 countries in  
one country books.**

**Please write, phone or email indicating countries; your period and mint or  
used preference.**



#### THE STAMP PAD

Poachers Retreat, Common Lane,  
Kings Langley, WD4 9HP

Tel: 01923 269775

[mg.read@btinternet.com](mailto:mg.read@btinternet.com)

[www.michaelgread.co.uk](http://www.michaelgread.co.uk)

### NOTTS

#### Nottingham Stamp Centre

Curtis Rawson Limited,  
Theatre Square, 3  
Wollaton St.

(at the Royal Centre tram  
stop,

Nottingham NG1 5FW.

Tel/Fax: 0115 947 4747

Open 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Mon to Sat.

We can offer world  
stamps, new issue  
service and first day  
cover service,  
accessories.

Mail order service.

Traditional stamp shop  
established 1942.

**TO ADVERTISE HERE  
PLEASE CONTACT JAY JONES  
[jay.jones@mytimemedia.com](mailto:jay.jones@mytimemedia.com)**



## FEATURED WEBSITE



[www.andrewglajer.co.uk](http://www.andrewglajer.co.uk)

Andrew G Lajer Ltd

[sales@andrewglajer.co.uk](mailto:sales@andrewglajer.co.uk) / T: 01189 344151

The Old Post Office, Davis Way, Hurst, Berkshire, RG10 0TR



**WOPA**  
World Online Philatelic Agency  
*The first international face value stamp site*  
[info@wopa-stamps.com](mailto:info@wopa-stamps.com)  
[www.wopa-stamps.com](http://www.wopa-stamps.com)

[www.robstine-stamps.com](http://www.robstine-stamps.com)



Detailed listing for fine used stamps of Europe, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA. Comprehensive stocks.

Also, list of all the Fairs we attend.

[www.principalityauctions.co.uk](http://www.principalityauctions.co.uk)



Regular 4000+ lot all world postal auctions with an accent on fine British Commonwealth and catering for all budgets from beginner to specialist. Email: [info@principalityauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@principalityauctions.co.uk)

Search. Choose. Buy.  
It's that easy. That fast.  
And absolutely secure!

[www.zeboose.com](http://www.zeboose.com)

**Elstree | Stamps |**

Fine quality Great Britain from 1840



[www.elstreestamps.com](http://www.elstreestamps.com)



PO Box 52, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 3QB, England  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8387 5673 Email: [info@elstreestamps.com](mailto:info@elstreestamps.com)

[www.gbspecialiststamps.co.uk](http://www.gbspecialiststamps.co.uk)



[www.rushstamps.co.uk](http://www.rushstamps.co.uk)



A comprehensive listing 1840 to date plus some worldwide / thematic offers. Visit our site and send for our latest lists. Compare and save!

[www.philatelic-gaertner.de](http://www.philatelic-gaertner.de)



More than 80,000 offers online:

Germany, Europe, Overseas, postal history, thematics, collections and accumulations.

[www.purvesphilatelics.co.uk](http://www.purvesphilatelics.co.uk)



Comprehensive and competitively prices listing of British Commonwealth (no G.B.) from 1840-1980. The site is very user friendly and quality is assured.

[www.candlishmccleery.com](http://www.candlishmccleery.com)



We have a comprehensive selection of stock, Great Britain stamps 1840-1970, in our online shop which incorporates secure payments. Members of the PTS and ASDA.

[www.sandafayre.com](http://www.sandafayre.com)



Sandafayre's auctions are the #1 choice for collectors. Thousands of rare sets and single stamps to bulky box lots and cartons 100% satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.

**\*NEW SITE\***

[www.embassystamps.co.uk](http://www.embassystamps.co.uk)



1,000's of G.B. stamps from £10 to £100,000. Probably the greatest selection of G.B. on the web today.

[www.brianreeveauctions.com](http://www.brianreeveauctions.com)



Regular public. Stamps Auctions in London also monthly First Day Cover postal auctions.

UNSOLD LOTS ALWAYS FOR SALE FROM LAST AUCTIONS

[www.duncannon.co.uk](http://www.duncannon.co.uk)



UK distributor for Lighthouse and Hawid. Wide range of stamp & coin accessories. Full search facility, purchase history, offers, newsletters and secure online ordering.

[www.bridgerkay.com](http://www.bridgerkay.com)



One of the most comprehensive stocks of Commonwealth Stamps offered on the web. E-mail: [bridgerkay@aol.com](mailto:bridgerkay@aol.com)

[www.4magpies.com](http://www.4magpies.com)



A website for collectors

Want to make your collections more accessible? Store your collection details online, upload images, print reports, collectors forum

[www.niblettstamps.co.uk](http://www.niblettstamps.co.uk)



Extensive listing of sets and short sets from 1902 - 1970 specialising in reign of KG6. Listed conveniently in regions. Updated monthly. Secure ordering facilities.

**Commonwealth**

BASIC MINT AND USED AT A MAXIMUM OF HALF SG CATALOGUE  
Our price guarantee - has been for the last 35 years!

REGULAR LISTS  
Retail Shop open every Friday

**B & S STAMPS**

RUSHCLIFFE HOUSE, 17-19 RECTORY ROAD WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM. NG2 6BE  
Tel: 0115 9816214 [alan@robinhood-stamp.co.uk](mailto:alan@robinhood-stamp.co.uk)





# CLASSIFIED GUIDE TO THE SPECIALISTS

## AFRICA

**RHODESIA**  
1890 to date  
Specialist list & postal auction

**BECHUANALAND**  
Includes Basutoland Swaziland

**EAST AFRICA**  
K.U.T. Zanzibar  
B.E.A. Tanganyika  
1890 to Date

**SOUTH WEST AFRICA**  
Includes German SWA

**SOUTH AFRICA**

**ORMSKIRK STAMPS**  
www.rhodesianstamps.net  
Rectory Road, Roos, East Yorks. HU12 0LD  
Tel: 01964 670239 Fax: 01964 671204

Specialized Lists

## APPROVALS

### DO YOU COLLECT BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH?

We offer West Indies, Africa, Great Britain, Australia, Asia, Canada, New Zealand etc. All periods especially Queen Victoria, Edward VII, George V and VI mint and used. Send us your wants lists now, you will be impressed by our competitively priced approvals. Discounts available including 20% on first selection.

**R.I. WILLIAMS (UDPA, ADPS)**  
1 Butt Hill Drive, Prestwich, Manchester M25 9PL  
Tel: 0161 798 4734 Fax: 0161 798 5189  
robertwilliams@corporatefinance.org.uk

### FINE QUALITY APPROVALS Great Britain • Br Commonwealth • Foreign

★ Personal Service ★ Generous Discounts ★ Attractive Presentation ★  
No Obligation ★ Fourteen Days Viewing ★ No Gimmicks

Write today for a Trial Selection stating all interests

Member U.D.P.A. Est 1986

Graham Jenner, 31 Queen Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 1BZ

### Great Britain and Common Wealth Quality Approvals

200 Free Stamps when first applying.  
Discounts available & the return postage is paid

P.Malcolm  
14 Birnam Avenue, Bishopbriggs  
E. Dunbartonshire G64 2JS

Tel: 0759 493 0006 / Email: peter.malcolm37@ntlworld.com

### CENTRAL ASIA

PERSIA, IRAN, IRAQ, TURKEY, JORDAN, ISRAEL (including UM tab & mini sheets)

We have extensive high quality stamps in single country books covering early periods to 1995, both mint and used.

Please apply, either by phone, email or in writing for 15 day viewing in the comfort of your home.

**MICHAEL G READ**

Poachers Retreat, Common Lane  
Kings Langley, Herts, WD4 9HP  
TEL: 01923 269775  
mg.read@btinternet.com

### COMMONWEALTH APPROVALS

A wide selection of fine used stamps at 1/4 or less catalogue price covering KG 6 to very recent issues. Post paid both ways

E.Pickup, 8 Fairdown Avenue,  
Westbury, Wilts BA13 3HS  
or tel: 01373 865474

email: eandvpickup@hotmail.co.uk

## QUALITY APPROVALS

tailored to your requirements

World, Commonwealth,  
Thematics, Specific Countries etc.

### NEWTOWN STAMPS

PO Box 14, Livingston, W. Lothian  
EH54 8HS

(Members ADPS & SPTA)

## No Song & Dance

Home viewing service for Advanced, Medium and beginners:

GB, BR Commonwealth, Foreign World On Approval for 10 days over thousands of Approval Books then 25 % off if you spend £16 or more off buy.

☐ Used ☐ BR Comm ☐ Central & South America  
☐ Central America ☐ Europe ☐ Eire  
☐ USA ☐ Canada ☐ Africa

Name.....

Phone.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

### TRACY'S WORLD STAMPS APPROVAL CLUB

Killballyboy, 15 Richmond Rd, Freemantle  
Southampton, SO15 3FT

## APPROVALS

### WORLD APPROVALS

Good quality stamps, postage paid, 25% discount on orders of £1 or over. Parent's permission if under 18 please. Write now to:

### KB STAMPS

4 Pound Road, Highworth  
Swindon, Wilts, SN6 7LA

Do you collect modern used stamps?  
Do you want to purchase single items?  
Do you want to see approval selections nicely presented?

Then please write for a selection of my approvals used GB, Commonwealth & Western Europe.

Also World Postal Auction Sales.  
Next sale due soon over 300 lots from £5 or more  
Please write for free catalogue and/or Approvals today

W.H.B. DEAN: The Poplars, New Brighton, Mold, N. Wales CH7 6QQ  
Tel: 01352 754782 Fax: 01352 700486  
email: billdean@talk21.com

## COMMONWEALTH and WORLD

Approvals from a few pence

Bargain buy-bid sale

Fine stamps at fantastic prices!

**GET THIS MONTH'S FREE GIFTS**

Go to

WWW.WORLD-STAMP-APPROVALS.CO.UK

## COLLECTIONS



**COLLECTIONS**  
Free monthly lists. Collections in printed albums + bargain clearance lots. Europe & Overseas. Lots from £20 to £200+. Same successful formula for 35 years.

**J. BAREFOOT Ltd**

203 Clifford House, 7-9 Clifford Street YORK YO1 9RA.  
Tel 01904 426879  
email JBarefootL@AOL.com website JBarefoot.co.uk

## MISCELLANEOUS



DEALERS IN  
**OLD BONDS & SHARE CERTIFICATES**

PURCHASERS OF QUALITY ITEMS

Visit our new website

www.gkrbonds.com

or contact Geoff or Jill

01376 571711

4 Park Farm, Kelvedon Road, Inworth,  
Colchester, Essex CO5 9SH



## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

# Commonwealth

BASIC MINT AND USED AT A MAXIMUM OF HALF SG CATALOGUE

Our price guarantee – has been for the last 35 years!

REGULAR LISTS

Retail Shop open every Friday



### B & S STAMPS

RUSHCLIFFE HOUSE, 17-19 RECTORY ROAD WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM. NG2 6BE

Tel: 0115 9186214 alan@robinhood-stamp.co.uk

### BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

(SALES TO UK ONLY)

List 1 1840-1936 Mint and Used

List 2 GEORGE VI Mint and Used

List 3 QEII Mint and Used

Visa, Mastercard, Maestro etc accepted

### Hanley Stamp Centre Ltd

P.O. BOX 2456,

NEWCASTLE,

STAFFS ST5 9YS

TEL: 01782 621564

EST: 1972

### CAMPBELL PATERSON'S

"NEW ZEALAND"

THE WORLD'S LEADING SPECIALISED  
COLOUR CATALOGUE

ONCE ONLY LIMITED TIME PRICE £76.00 (+ p & p)

Only From

CAMPBELL PATERSON LTD, PO Box 99988, Newmarket, Auckland 1149, NZ  
TOLL-FREE (UK) 0500-893-975 Email: service@cpnzstamps.co.nz  
(Note: Registration for Annual Revisions required)

TO ADVERTISE HERE  
PLEASE CONTACT

Jay Jones

jay.jones@mytimemedia.com

### FREE LISTS

USED STAMPS ONLY  
1937 - 2011

From the following Countries,  
Australia, Botswana, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Papua  
New Guinea, New Zealand & Zambia

GERRY FISHER

14 KELSTON GROVE, HANHAM, BRISTOL, BS15 9NL  
Email: gerry-fisher@lineone.net TEL: 0117 967 1563

TO ADVERTISE HERE  
CONTACT JAY JONES

jay.jones@mytimemedia.com

### FIRST DAY COVERS

### FIRST DAY COVERS

Specialist in Great Britain  
First Day Covers

Free illustrated Price List with over 100  
pages of First Day Covers and  
Commemorative Covers

STEVEN RILEY

37 BADGER GATE, THRESHFIELD,  
SKIPTON BD23 5EN

Sell your collectables in Chaucer's

**LIVE AUCTION**

We can sell your stamps, first day covers,

RAF covers and entire collections.

Call 0845 1304094 to find out how.

### SUN STAMP CO.

KG VI Collectors List 1 Indian States Feudatory

List 2 Convention both as the Crown Album

List 3 earlier of other issues of Indian States

would help "Imperial Collectors"

List 4 Court Fees, Revenues, Postal History

List 5 KG VI sets and singles A-Z Commonwealth

or you may send a wants list for a firm quote

I ALWAYS BUYING Indian States

PO Box 1096, Sunderland, SR3 1WZ

Tel: 01915 235 811 Mob: 07764 830 136

Email: bill@sunstamps.co.uk

### Free 200 stamps

on requesting my GB & C/Wealth  
approvals. Suit beginner and  
medium collector. Personal service with  
gifts and discounts available. Postal only.

Robert Laidler 38 Haybrow Cres

Scalby Scarborough YO13 0SG

robertlaidler1@btinternet.com

Tel 01723 378455

### POSTAL AUCTION

### COMMONWEALTH & FOREIGN Postal Auctions

Regular monthly worldwide postal auctions  
offering a wide variety of mixed lots, sets and  
single items. Contact us for free catalogue, or  
visit our website to view and bid online.

L & R Stamps (ADPS)

31 Caernarvon Road, Eynesbury,

St Neots, Cambs, PE19 2RN, UK

Tel: 01480 385705 e-mail: roytravell1@virginmedia.com

website: www.lrstamps.co.uk

### FOREIGN

CHANNELS IS & I.O.M  
AUSTRALIA & A.A.T.  
NEW ZEALAND  
IRELAND  
WORLDWIDE AND  
THEMATIC PACKETS

SEPARATE LISTS AVAILABLE

FOR ALL ABOVE

P A WADDINGTON, LOWER RIDGE BARN,

CHIRBURY, MONTGOMERY, SY15 6DA

© 01938 561490

## AUSTRALIA (inc. States) CANADA • NEW ZEALAND

Inc Specialised, Covers, etc ...

Monthly lists available FREE

Ian Perry, 29 Chetwynd Grove, Newport,  
Shropshire TF10 7JW

01952 825941 ianperrystamps@aol.com



### AUSTRALIA USED 1966 - 2012

and new issues as they arrive

Single stamps and sets at very reasonable prices

Or try one of my all different 'Recent Australia' packets  
£100+ catalogue value for £30-£300+ catalogue value for £75

Also Canada and NZ used from 1960s

Jamaica Mint, Used, FDCs and MSheets

Please send SAE for up-to-date lists stating which lists required

G Wootten

2 Bowmans Court, Melksham, SN12 7FF

### FOREIGN

### ★ USA SPECIALIST ★

Established since 1980, suppliers of fine used  
USA – Commemoratives, Definitives, Airm, Dues – sets  
and singles at reasonable prices. List for 26p stamp.

R. EVERETT

2 COLDNAILHURST AVENUE, BRAINTREE, ESSEX CM7 2SJ  
POSTAL ONLY UDPA 502

Federal USA State  
DUCK HUNTING STAMPS  
for details and price list, contact  
John Wells

P.O. Box 222, Waltham Cross, Herts EN8 8GS

Tel: 01992 628976

E. mail: john.wells123@btinternet.com



# CLASSIFIED GUIDE TO THE SPECIALISTS

## FOREIGN

### LATIN AMERICA

Our approval selections cover all the countries of Central and South America and will appeal to the multi country collector.

Emphasis on pre 1960.

We stock over 300 quality single country booklets available on 15 day viewing in the comfort of your home.

Please write, email or phone for a free trial mailing.

**MICHAEL G READ**  
Poachers Retreat, Common Lane,  
Kings Langley Herts, WD4 9HP  
TEL: 01923 269775  
mg.read@btinternet.com

### AUSTRIA & GERMANY CROATIA 1940-44

#### MINT & USED

**Germania Stamps**  
[www.germania-stamps.co.uk](http://www.germania-stamps.co.uk)  
[germanistamps@gmail.com](mailto:germanistamps@gmail.com)

#### NEW PRICE LISTS

Newly revised price lists are now available for good used stamps for the general collector from the following countries:

Australia  
Germany  
Austria & Switzerland  
USA (mint and used)

Also available lists for general Commonwealth, Europe, Great Britain and Japan. We also do a fortnightly list of one off items

**DAVID LOWE**  
2, Vicarage Close, Westonzoyland,  
Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 0LG  
Tel: (01278) 691755  
All main Visa/MasterCard/Maestro cards accepted

#### GERMANY 1872- TO DATE

Including Third Reich, Danzig & Colonies  
Occupation Issues,DDR, and West Berlin.

Also Local issues 1945/6

Comprehensive  
Unmounted Mint (u/m), Mounted Mint (m/m)  
Fine Used (fu) & Very Fine Used (vfu)

**P.J.A.C.WEBSTER**  
**MOULTON S.P.S.O.**  
**NORTHAMPTON NN3 7RZ**

e-mail:- [peter.webster456@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.webster456@btinternet.com)

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**  
[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

### FRANCE

Quality material at competitive prices.  
Free stock list available on request.  
Wants lists also invited.

**KEVIN P. RIGLER**  
44 Shrewsbury Fields  
Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8AN  
Tel: 01952 460862

### EGYPT

We have decent stocks of this increasingly popular country and sell by appros and by servicing wants lists. Other African and Middle East countries available.

**RON WILLIAMS**  
8 Highdale Avenue, Clevedon, N.Somerset,  
BS21 7LX

### EUROPE OLD AND NEW

ALBANIA, BULGARIA, ROMANIA,  
YUGOSLAVIA, BOSNIA, CROATIA,  
YUGOSLAV STATES 1991-2006

BALTIC STATES 1991-2006  
USSR, USSR STATES 1992-2006  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
CZECH REPUBLIC & SLOVAKIA  
AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, POLAND,  
DANZIG, EAST GERMANY

DENMARK, FAEROES, GREENLAND,  
FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY,  
SWEDEN

Free lists sent on request, or download  
from [www.djmker-stamps.com](http://www.djmker-stamps.com)

**D J M KERR**

PO Box 7082, Grantown on Spey  
PH24 2WW Tel/Fax 01479 831374  
E-mail: [david@djmker-stamps.com](mailto:david@djmker-stamps.com)

**A N D O R R A**  
COMPREHENSIVE PRICE LISTS NOW AVAILABLE  
**W. A. JACQUES**  
ASHVILLE, CLIFFE, SELBY, N. YORKSHIRE, YO8 6NU  
Tel: 01757 638226  
<http://apsc.free.fr/jacques>  
E-mail: [alecjacques@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alecjacques@tiscali.co.uk)  
**A N D O R R A**

### EUROPE • GERMANY

UM, Mint, Used, East and West Europe  
**A D Stamps, 72 Lowerhouses Lane,**  
**Huddersfield HD5 8JW**  
Tel: 01484 318987 or  
[adyer@adstamps.co.uk](mailto:adyer@adstamps.co.uk) for current lists  
Lists also available on website:  
[www.adstamps.co.uk](http://www.adstamps.co.uk)

### FRANCE 1849-2008

Full detailed stock list on request  
Yvert France Catalogue 2015 - £23.00 post free

### CHARLES BLOMEFIELD

Chipping Campden, Glos, GL55 6PP  
Tel: 01386 841923 Fax: 01386 841937  
[www.charlesblomefield.com](http://www.charlesblomefield.com)

**CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE**

[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

## GREAT BRITAIN

**BUYING OR  
SELLING  
GREAT BRITAIN**  
Our new G.B. Rushexpress no.70  
Pricelist is now available  
can be viewed/downloaded from our website  
**JUST COMPARE OUR PRICES  
AND SAVE!!**  
Prompt Delivery. All Credit Cards Accepted.  
We are liquidating our A-Z Worldwide Stocks - Big Discounts.  
Ask for our World Rush Express No.69 (with big discount)  
**RUSHSTAMPS (RETAIL) LTD.**  
P.O. Box 1, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, England SO43 7PP  
Tel: +44 (023) 8028 2044  
Fax: +44 (023) 8028 2981  
Website: [www.rushstamps.co.uk](http://www.rushstamps.co.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@rushstamps.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rushstamps.co.uk)

**Do you collect  
GB?  
Then join GBPS**  
**THE GREAT BRITAIN  
PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

### THE GREAT BRITAIN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

For further details contact:  
13 ST HUBERT'S CLOSE,  
GERRARDS CROSS, BUCKS SL9 7EN  
email: [peter.tannerhs13@talktalk.net](mailto:peter.tannerhs13@talktalk.net)

### GB POSTAGE FOR SALE FROM 85% FACEVALUE

Reduce the cost of your mailings. Values supplied in  
100's @ 90% £50 mixed bags at 85% of face value.  
Weekly lists of stocks values available by fax.  
No charge for mailing costs but minimum order  
required £200

**JOHN CURTIN LIMITED**  
International Stamp Dealer  
P.O. Box 31,

Sunbury - on - Thames,  
Middlesex, TW16 6HD  
Tel: 01932 785635 (24 hrs)  
Fax: 01932 770523  
e-mail: [jcbuying@btinternet.com](mailto:jcbuying@btinternet.com)

### GREAT BRITAIN 1840-2000

Our latest catalogue covers all periods of G.B.  
from Penny Blacks to modern Machins

Included are Booklets, Booklet Pages,  
First Day Covers, and a wide range of Definitives  
and Commemorative stamps in unmounted and  
fine condition. For a friendly, personal service,  
why not request a copy today or send a list of  
your requirements. Whether buying or selling we  
look forward to receiving your enquiries.

Upcoming Stamp Fairs:

**Norwich** 15th March  
Brook Hotel, Barnard Rd., Bowthorpe, NR5 9JB  
**Norwich** 28th March  
Norfolk & Norwich Philatelic  
Society, Hewitt School NR1 2PL

### ARUN STAMPS

P.O. Box 15, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 0EU  
Telephone: (01328) 829318  
Email: [arunstamps@fsmail.net](mailto:arunstamps@fsmail.net)  
[www.arunstamps.co.uk](http://www.arunstamps.co.uk)



## New Zealand, Pacific, World

Free postal auction catalogue  
Email: ashford@stampsale.com

Ashford Stamps Ltd.  
P.O. Box 9845, Newmarket,  
Auckland 1149, New Zealand  
Ph: (09) 520-5946 Fax: (09) 520-5947



## TO ADVERTISE HERE CONTACT

# JAY JONES

jay.jones@mytimemedia.com

## CHANNEL ISLANDS ISLE OF MAN

Comprehensive list covering all modern  
issues to date and including Wartime  
Occupation stamps & covers, revenues,  
Commodore Sark & Alderney, Herm,  
Jethou, Brecqhou, etc.

Discounts and offers available  
Stamp packets

**BAILIWICK STAMPS**  
P.O. BOX 502, ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY, GY1 6DH  
Tel/Fax: 01481 712474  
E-mail: bailiwick@fsmail.net

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**  
[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

## POSTAL AUCTIONS

### FILL THE GAPS

The Collector's Postal Auction  
Europe/Commonwealth/Foreign

Send for FREE Catalogue to FILL THE GAPS,  
1 Seymour Street, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8JT  
or Phone Peter Hardie on 01823 662364  
peterhardie@themail.co.uk

### G.B. POSTAL HISTORY

Send for my latest 14 page list, with  
3 pages of photos. Lists issued every  
4 weeks.

### BYRON STAMPS

19 Byron Way, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8DA  
members of U.D.P.A.

## GREAT BRITAIN UNMOUNTED MINT

GREAT BRITAIN UNMOUNTED MINT											
X841 1/2p 2B.....	0.02	X849 2p 2B.....	0.03	X857 3p Red 2B.....	0.04	X865 4 1/2p 2B.....	0.05	X873 6 1/2p LB.....	0.20	X880 8p LB.....	0.12
X842 1/2p LB.....	28.00	X850 2p AOP.....	0.03	X858 3 1/2p 2B.....	0.04	X866 5p 2B.....	0.05	X874 7p 2B.....	0.08	X881 8 1/2p 2B.....	0.09
X843 1/2p CB.....	0.02	X851 2 1/2p CB.....	0.03	X859 3 1/2p Olive CB.....	0.11	X867 5p CB.....	0.90	X875 7p CB.....	0.07	X882 9p 2 col.....	0.10
X844 1p 2B.....	0.02	X852 2 1/2p LB.....	0.35	X860 3 1/2p Brown CB.....	0.55	X868 5 1/2p 2B.....	0.08	X876 7p RB.....	0.10	X883 9p Violet.....	0.09
X845 1p CB.....	0.02	X852 2 1/2p RB.....	0.30	X861 4p Ochre 2B.....	0.05	X869 5 1/2p CB.....	0.06	X876 7p LB.....	0.08	X884 9 1/2p 2B.....	0.10
X846 1p AOP.....	0.02	X853 2 1/2p Pink 2B.....	0.04	X862 4p Blue 2B.....	0.40	X870 6p 2B.....	0.06	X877 7 1/2p 2B.....	0.08	X885 10p 2 col.....	0.12
X847 1p LB.....	0.70	X854 2 1/2p Rose 2B.....	0.06	X863 4p CB.....	0.45	X871 6 1/2p 2B.....	0.07	X878 8p 2B.....	0.09	X886 10p Orange.....	0.10
X847 1p RB.....	1.45	X855 3p Blue 2B.....	0.04	X864 4p RB.....	1.00	X872 6 1/2p CB.....	0.07	X879 8p CB.....	0.08	X886b 10p TII.....	7.50
X848 1 1/2p 2B.....	0.02	X856 3p CB.....	0.04	X864 4p LB.....	0.55	X873 6 1/2p RB.....	0.32	X880 8p RB.....	0.16	X887 10p AOP.....	0.10

Postage £1 for UK orders. Free GB price list. Ray Butcher, PO Box 2, Hunstanton, PE36 6NS (FAST SERVICE)

### Andrew Vaughan Philatelics Limited.



Buying single item to  
major collections

- Full Mail Order Service
- Major Stamp Shows Attended
- Illustrated Monthly List on Request

Andrew Vaughan Philatelics Limited  
PO Box 6061  
Tamworth  
Staffordshire  
B78 3JB  
England



Tel: 01827 63367 • Fax: 01827 67579

Email: sales@stampsgb.co.uk Web: www.stampsgb.co.uk

### Guernsey

### ALL UNMOUNTED MINT FOR SALE

### Jersey

1941/4 1/2d 1d 2 1/2d	£3.95	1970 CHRISTMAS	£1.50	SPECIALS		1941-42 ARMS 1/2d 1d	£3.75	1971 BRITISH LEGION	65p
1942 ARMS 1/2d 1d 4d GS	£13.50	1971 DE LA RUE	£1.50	GUERNSEY 1960 1d BLACK		1943 PICTORIALS 1st 3d	£10.50	1971 PAINTINGS 1	90p
1969 DEFINES 1/2d £1	£9.95	1971 CHRISTMAS 2	£1.20	MISHEET OVERPRINT NZ ONLY		1969 DEFINITIVES 1st £1	£9.95	1972 WILD FLOWERS	90p
1970 10/- PERIF 13	£15.00	ALDERNEY BIRDS	£2.85	17,000 ISSUED GUERNSEYS		1969 POSTAGE DUES	£16.50	1972 WILD LIFE 2	65p
1969 POSTAGE DUES	£12.50	ALDERNEY AIRPORT	£3.50	SCARCEST SET	£5.50	1969 INAUGURATION	45p	1966 JERSEY LILLIES MS	£1.10
1969 BROCK	70p	ALDERNEY REGIMENTS	£1.75	1992 EUROPA MS EXPRO		1970 LIBERATION	90p	1992 BIRDS	£1.75
1970 LIBERATION	70p	ALDERNEY FORTS	£2.50	OVERPRINT 2ND SCARCEST SET		1970 BATTLE OF FLOWERS	£3.25	1992 SHIPBUILDING	£1.50
1970 AGRICULTURE	£3.00	ALDERNEY SHIPWRECKS	£5.50	ONLY 40,000 ISSUES	£2.25	1971 WILDLIFE 1	£2.75	1992 PAINTINGS	£1.40



Postage Free for Current Price List Now Available. Postage Free for orders over £20. Postage 40p for smaller orders.

THE GUERNSEY STAMP CO LTD., PO BOX 107, GUERNSEY CI. TEL: 01481 721314



1841-44 1d RED-BROWN  
IMPERFORATE PLATES 1b to 45  
LISTING NOW AVAILABLE.  
SEND FOR YOUR COPY.



P.O. BOX 1934 · RINGWOOD · HAMPSHIRE · BH24 2YZ · ENGLAND · U.K. · TEL. & FAX: 01425 476666

PETER  
MOLLETT  
Philatelist



## BOOKS

### BOOKFINDING SERVICE

All subjects. Also CDs/DVDs.  
Visa/MC welcome. Books mailed overseas.

**Barlow Moor Books**  
29 Churchwood Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 6TZ  
Tel: 0161 434 5073  
email: books@barlowmoorbooks.co.uk

**FOR SALE** Great Britain 1,000 off  
paper unsorted £1 = 500, World £1 = 400.  
British Commonwealth £1. Includes P&P.  
Mike Amos, 85 Higher Audley Avenue,  
Torquay TQ2 7PG. L920P

### Worldwide Postal History

Photocopy Approval Service

Mostly 20th Century in the \$10 to \$200 range.

What can I offer?

- Competitive Pricing • Free Shipping over \$50
- Over 100,000 covers in stock

<http://postalhistory.com>

Jim Forte P.O. Box 94822, Las Vegas NV 89193  
01 - 702 - 791 - 6828 Fax: 01 - 702 - 369 - 9139

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**  
[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

## Postal Auction

With Free Catalogues

No Buyers Premium Low Commission Rates

Good Material Always Wanted

R.A.J Philatelics 35 Castlecombe Drive Wimbledon  
London SW19 6RN [www.raj-stamps.co.uk](http://www.raj-stamps.co.uk)



# CLASSIFIED GUIDE TO THE SPECIALISTS

## POSTAL HISTORY

**GREAT BRITAIN STAMPS**

**WANTS LISTS WELCOME**

**BUYING**  
Collections and fine single items

PTS

POSTAL HISTORY 1500 - 1920

**MARTIN TOWNSEND**

P.O. Box 10, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 9PE  
Tel & Fax: 01462 420678  
martin@martintownsend.com  
www.martintownsend.com

## STAMP AUCTIONS

### SELLING?

We guarantee to make an offer on all material sent to us.

Should our offer be unacceptable, then we can discuss placing it in one of our monthly public auctions, or by selling by Private Treaty. If we are still unable to be of service to you, then our only charge will be the return postage. *Please send to:*

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS**  
27 Fore Hill, Ely, Cambridgeshire. Tel: 01353 663919  
www.cpa-ely.co.uk

## STAMP INSURANCE

**INSURE YOUR COLLECTION**  
**ALL RISKS - NO EXCESS**  
**REPLACEMENT VALUE**

Stamps, Postcards, Coins, Diecast models,  
Dolls Houses Model Railways etc.

**STAMP INSURANCE SERVICES**  
C G I Services Limited  
29 Bowhay Lane, Exeter, EX4 1PE  
Tel: 01392 433 949  
mail @stampinsurance.co.uk  
Authorised & Regulated by the  
Financial Conduct Authority

**NEW THIS MONTH - PRICE LISTS**  
AUSTRALIA USED 1913 - 2009  
FAROE ISLANDS MINT AND USED 1860 - 1985  
Recent lists available

ADEN	W. GERMANY
AUSTRALIA	GREAT BRITAIN
AUSTRIA	GREENLAND
BELGIUM	MAURITIUS
CANADA	NETHERLANDS
CEYLON	NEW ZEALAND
DENMARK	NORWAY
FAROE ISLANDS	N. RHODESIA
FINLAND	PAKISTAN
FRANCE	SWEDEN
IRELAND	SWITZERLAND
GERMANY	USA

Write to:  
THE TAUNTON STAMP SHOP  
66 BRIDGE STREET, TAUNTON, SOMERSET, ENGLAND TA1 1UD  
Tel: (01823) 283327 Fax: (01823) 325882

## WORLDWIDE

### WORLDWIDE PACKETS

1. GUERNSEY OR JERSEY OR I.O.M. 25 different .....£1.00
2. EIRE 40 mixed .....£1.30
3. AUSTRALIA OR CANADA 100 mixed .....£1.20
4. GB COMMEMORATIVES 100 used .....£1.10
5. GB COMMEMORATIVES 150 used .....£2.50
6. ISLE OF MAN 40 different .....£3.00

C.W.O. Please

Simkiss Philatelic (Proprietor: Mr. D. W. Simkiss)  
21 St Pauls Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man IM8 1LH

## THEMATICS

**THEMATICS**

- Tell me your subjects •
- Please write or call •

**NEW STOCKS for 2015**

**• FRANK SPENCER •**

• PO BOX 11, BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET DT11 7YL •

**01258 860081**

### Quarterly GB & Commonwealth Postal Auction.

No buyer's Premium.

Currently breaking down large collection  
of bird stamps  
Please request free catalogue.

CWA. PO Box 192 Great Hockham Norfolk  
IP24 1WY. Tel 01953 499 968  
Email: whiteheadcwa@aol.com  
PTS Member

### ...LISTS!...LISTS!...LISTS!...

### IRELAND 2012 LIST

MINT & USED, SETS & ODD VALUES,  
IN DEPTH COVERAGE 1922 - DATE

LISTS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
**NEW ZEALAND, SUDAN  
& BIRD THEMATICS**

ALL LISTS FREE ON REQUEST

**A.R.BALLARD**  
PO BOX 780, LONDON SE13 5QA  
TEL/FAX 020 8852 7031  
email; arballard@hotmail.co.uk

**BIRD STAMPS**

Free 1980-2015 stocklist (68 pages) now available

We also have lists for Butterflies,  
Medicine, Railways etc

**Philatelic Supplies**

MARK O'NEILL, 22 FIELD LANE, LETCHWORTH G.C.  
HERTS SG6 3LE, ENGLAND  
CONTACT info@philatelicsupplies.co.uk  
0044-(0)1462-684191  
www.philatelicssupplies.co.uk P.T.S. No.5427

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

## IRELAND

### WE BUY IRELAND

Generous prices paid for postal history,  
GB used in Ireland, high value overprints,  
errors, booklets, coils, covers (except post  
1960 FDC), revenues, or any specialist or  
rare items of Ireland. **Good collections  
always of interest.**

Write or telephone:

**MacDONNELL WHYTE LTD**  
102 Leinster Road, Dublin 6, Ireland.  
Telephone: (+353-1)4977449  
Fax: (+353-1) 4977440

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[www.stampmagazine.co.uk](http://www.stampmagazine.co.uk)

- News of all the latest GB stamp issues
- Features on British, Commonwealth and world philately
- Subscribe to printed or digital versions of the magazine

### TO ADVERTISE HERE PLEASE CONTACT

**JAY JONES**

jay.jones@mytimemedia.com



# Order your copy today!

ONLY  
£9.99!\*

**ON SALE  
SOON!**

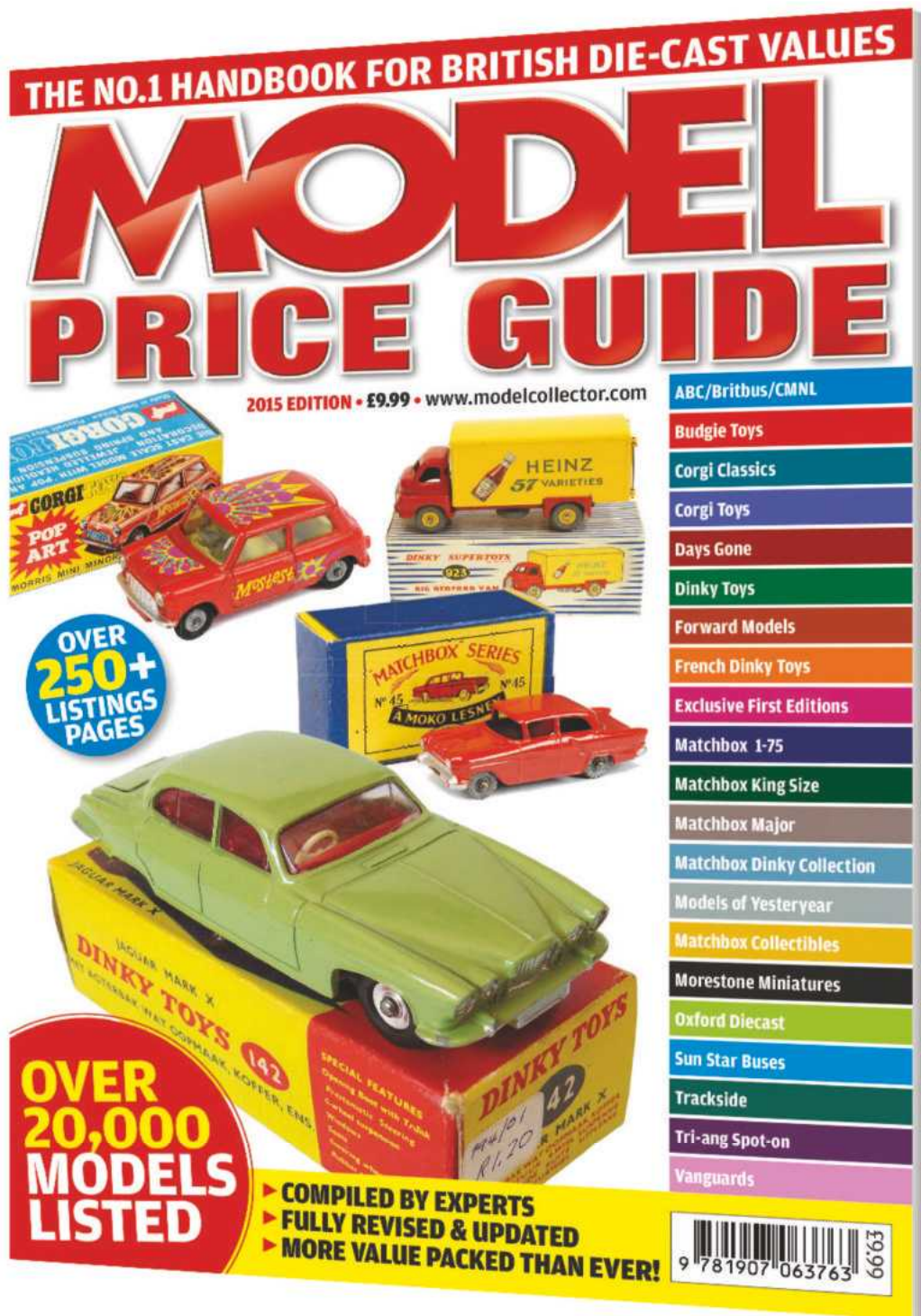
- › The essential guide for all model collectors
- › Over 20,000 Diecast models listed
- › Compiled by leading industry experts
- › Handy compact size
- › Fully updated for 2015



Scan me with your Smartphone

Available from  
[myhobbystore.co.uk](http://myhobbystore.co.uk)

**Model Collector  
Magazine  
subscribers  
save 5% on  
all orders\***



**Order Online:** [www.myhobbystore.com/MPG2015](http://www.myhobbystore.com/MPG2015)  
**Order by Phone:** 0844 848 8822 (phone lines open Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm)

\*plus P&P. Please note that this front cover is subject to changes. To scan the QR (Quick Response) code you will need to download a QR Reader App (FREE) to your Smartphone. This QR code will take you directly to further details about this product.





**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

**HARD TO FIND?..**



**...THEN REQUEST MY LIST**

YOUR WANTS LIST FOR THE RARE OR ELUSIVE IS VERY WELCOME

FOREMOST  
ON QUALITY

**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

Our new listing of  
Great Britain is ready now

Callers by appointment

211 Old Castle Street, Portchester, Hampshire PO16 9QW, Great Britain,  
Tel: 02392378035

E-mail: [lamonby@aol.com](mailto:lamonby@aol.com) [www.johnlamonby.com](http://www.johnlamonby.com)  
ESTABLISHED IN PHILATELY FOR OVER 35 YEARS



**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

**UNUSUAL?**



**...THEN REQUEST MY LIST**

FOREMOST  
ON QUALITY

**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

Our new listing of  
Great Britain is ready now

Callers by appointment

211 Old Castle Street, Portchester, Hampshire PO16 9QW, Great Britain,  
Tel: 02392378035

E-mail: [lamonby@aol.com](mailto:lamonby@aol.com) [www.johnlamonby.com](http://www.johnlamonby.com)  
ESTABLISHED IN PHILATELY FOR OVER 35 YEARS



**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

**UNUSUAL?**



**...THEN REQUEST  
MY LIST**

FOREMOST  
ON QUALITY

**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

Our new listing of  
Great Britain is ready now

Callers by appointment

211 Old Castle Street, Portchester, Hampshire PO16 9QW, Great Britain,  
Tel: 02392378035

E-mail: [lamonby@aol.com](mailto:lamonby@aol.com) [www.johnlamonby.com](http://www.johnlamonby.com)  
ESTABLISHED IN PHILATELY FOR OVER 35 YEARS



**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

**HARD TO FIND?..**



**...THEN REQUEST MY LIST**

YOUR WANTS LIST FOR THE RARE OR ELUSIVE IS VERY WELCOME

FOREMOST  
ON QUALITY

**JOHN LAMONBY**  
FINE BRITISH ADHESIVES

Our new listing of  
Great Britain is ready now

Callers by appointment

211 Old Castle Street, Portchester, Hampshire PO16 9QW, Great Britain,  
Tel: 02392378035

E-mail: [lamonby@aol.com](mailto:lamonby@aol.com) [www.johnlamonby.com](http://www.johnlamonby.com)  
ESTABLISHED IN PHILATELY FOR OVER 35 YEARS





# Shades of grey

In the post-war propaganda battle between east and west, the target was often philatelic and the weapon of choice was sometimes a pot of grey paint

□ Report by John Winchester

Part of the propaganda war which developed between the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and German Federal Republic (West Germany) in the years following World War II was the *postkrieg* (postal war). Stamps or covers carrying what were considered to be unwelcome political undertones were likely to have them obliterated by crudely applied whitewash, or more accurately blackwash or greywash!

One of the major bones of contention was commemoration of the *Vertreibung*, the forced expulsion of ethnic Germans from Poland and other countries in the aftermath of military defeat in 1945.

The land area of Germany had been reduced by around 25% by demarcating a new eastern boundary, the so-called Oder-Neisse Line. Large swathes of what had long been German soil (including much of Silesia, Pomerania and Prussia) were placed under Polish administration, and seven million ethnic Germans were forcibly expelled, in one of the largest mass migrations of modern times.

Both East Germany and West Germany bore the brunt of this upheaval, but their attitudes to it diverged over time. Under pressure from Moscow, East Germany officially recognised the Oder-Neisse frontier by 1950; West Germany refused to do so until 1970.

In the interim, in 1955, West Germany issued a stamp marking the 10th anniversary of the *Vertreibung*, illustrating a forlorn group of refugees trudging on foot from 'east' to 'west', which offended East



ABOVE: 1965 cover from West Germany to East Germany, with unwelcome stamps obliterated

Germany and its communist allies. In 1965, when the same design (with a modified inscription and a new colour, grey) was reissued to mark the 20th anniversary, it was a provocation too far.

Covers posted across the border bearing this stamp were frequently returned to sender. Others were delivered, but only after the offending design received an obliterating coat of paint.

For the first day cover collector, this practice must have been particularly galling. For the postal historian, on the other hand, affected covers have a certain gritty appeal. □

## NEXT MONTH

# Penny Black

175 years after its release, what is it about this stamp that keeps us hooked?



## PLUS

□ Thematic guide to the Gallipoli campaign

□ Stamps issued by the Electric Telegraph Company, 1854-70

□ What to see at London 2015 Europhilex

□ The classic Mineral Springs designs of Nevis

## MAY ISSUE

IN SHOPS FROM  
THURSDAY APRIL 9



**BUYING  
OR SELLING**  
Visit our website  
[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)

# WE CHOOSE WHICH VICE YOU PREFER...

## PLEASE MAIL ME YOUR FREE AUCTION CATALOGUE

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE ..... SM

**POST TO:** Universal Philatelic Auctions, 4, The Old Coal yard,  
West End, Northleach, Glos. GL54 3HE, UK  
**Tel:** 01451 861111 | **E-mail:** elaine@upastampauctions.co.uk

## PLEASE MAIL, WITHOUT OBLIGATION, UPON APPROVAL A HOME VIEWING SELECTION

I collect the following countries / areas:  
.....  
.....

A FREE 4 MARGIN 1841 BLUE CAT. £75 WITH 3rd SENDING  
I collect ☐ MINT and/or ☐ USED

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE ..... SM

**POST TO:** Omniphil and Avon Approvals  
P.O. Box 10, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8YX  
**Tel:** 01684 299278

## PLEASE MAIL, WITHOUT OBLIGATION, UPON APPROVAL A WORLD MIXTURE, JUST £6.45 UK POST PAID\*

Over 2000 off-paper assorted world stamps. Pick 250 stamps + up to 250 free...BUY THE BEST – RETURN THE REST!

RECEIVE A FREE £28 CAT G.B. WITH THIRD SENDING  
I enclose £6.45 cheque/PO/Credit Card (Mastercard/Visa only)

Card No ..... Sec#.....

Expiry Date ..... Signature.....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE ..... SM

**POST TO:** Avon Mixtures, P.O.Box 10, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8YX  
**Tel:** 01684 299278

\*POSTAGE RATES FOR OVERSEAS CLIENTS: All clients outside UK post packaging is £2.35. Send £8. No overseas personal cheques accepted unless UK Sterling A/C/£s draft only payable UK. Credit Cards recommended (Mastercard/Visa only).

## SELLING? RECEIVE UP TO 36% MORE

CONTACT US NOW ON **01451 861111** or post to:

**UPA, (Admin Office), 4, The Old Coal yard,  
West End, Northleach, Glos. GL54 3HE, UK**  
**Fax:** 01451 861297 | **E-mail:** andrew@upastampauctions.co.uk

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE ..... SM

Tel. No. (Day) .....

Tel. No. (Eve) .....

Brief details .....

Cat Value (if known) .....

**01451  
861111**

FOR FREE STAMP TRADE TIPS – Please visit our website  
[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)

# ADVERTISERS' INDEX

AJH STAMPS.....	34	MANCHESTER STAMP CENTRE.....	120
APEX.....	11	MARTIN CUSSANS .....	18
ASPS CONGRESS .....	46	MICHAEL G.READ .....	24,88
BRANDON AUCTIONS .....	37	MILLSTAMPS .....	113
BROOKVALE.....	88	MONACOPHIL .....	3
BUCKINGHAM COVERS.....	126	MRM SERVICES .....	84
CANDLISH McCLEERY .....	100	MURRAY PAYNE .....	13
CORBITTS.....	96,7	NEWTON HOUSE .....	98
COURT PHILATELICS .....	84	PETER MOLLETT .....	19
ENFIELD STAMP CENTRE .....	118	PHILANGLES .....	46
EUROPHILEX .....	IFC	PHIL-INDEX.....	24
FAROE ISLANDS POST OFFICE.....	6	PRINZ .....	100
FIRST DAY COVERS .....	37	REG ATKINSON.....	114
GARY J. LYON.....	36	ROWLAND HILL.....	19
GP KEEF.....	114	RUSHSTAMPS .....	98
GRAHAME MANN .....	46	SANDAFAYRE .....	19
GUERNSEY POST OFFICE.....	36	STANLEY GIBBONS AUCTIONS.....	85
GUSTAMPS .....	101, 115	STANLEY GIBBONS MAIL ORDER.....	32
HAWID .....	98	STANLEY GIBBONS PUBLICATIONS .....	30,31
J.HAWKER-SMITH.....	100	SWAN .....	100, 106
IAN LASOK-SMITH .....	86	TONY LESTER .....	25
INTER ASIA .....	12	UPA .....	17,43,47-79
JAMES COE .....	18	.....	89, 107,146
JERSEY POST OFFICE .....	23	.....	IBC, OBC
JOHN CURTIN .....	114	VARISELL.....	88
JOHN LAMONBY .....	144	VERA TRINDER .....	18
JR NIBLETT.....	88	WARWICK and WARWICK .....	7
M.L.CLIFFORD .....	106	ZEBOOSE.....	122
MALCOLM SPREI .....	44		





*Philately Understood*

# Don't think we can pay you up to 36% more?

## COLLECTORS ARE RIGHT TO BE WARY OF LOFTY CLAIMS BUT THERE MAY BE GOOD REASONS WHY YOU MAY FIND SOME OF THEM TO BE TRUE

The stamp market constantly fluctuates so that at any given moment if there is too much of what you wish to sell on the market, despite what anybody claims, no dealer can offer you massively more.

However, there may be good reasons why some stamp organisations can offer you significantly more and pay you immediately rather than waiting months for the unknown of what you may or may not sell at auction – and you will be waiting even longer for payment.

It all depends upon that stamp dealer's/auctioneer's business model. UPA buys and sells globally but if for example the nearest stamp dealer you approach only sells British stamps to a small market place then there is a strong possibility that he/she may be fully stocked already – so that if a price is proffered to you there is an increased likelihood of your receiving a lower offer as your collection, or part of your collection may be 'traded on' to a larger dealer. Worse still, other unrelated areas of your collection may be neglected or not valued in any offer you receive.

If you consign your collection to auction and it is unsuitable or too time-consuming for that auction to 'break' it into smaller lots – then there is a very strong probability that you will be paying an auction to sell your stamps to a stamp dealer WHO could afford to pay you up to 36% more than you will receive. Don't forget most auctions charge the buyer of your collection up to twice the commission, or more, that they charge you.

It doesn't make sense for you to pay an auction to sell your stamps to a stamp dealer, when – if you handle the transaction wisely – you can receive the up to 36% more for yourself.

### What happens when you ask UPA to make you an offer?

First we ask you to tell us about your collection and we listen. Then we ask you how much you know about the market for your type of collection? At this stage we add to your knowledge, informing you of current conditions you may be unaware of. Then we discuss whether we may be well placed to assist you and how that may be achieved.

Providing your collection has sufficient potential we may offer to visit without charge or obligation, or we will offer to uplift your collection from your home at our expense, insured in transit (and whilst in our care) free of charge. If you are situated in mainland UK and your collection is too bulky for you to pack, provided your collection is valuable enough, we may even provide a free packing service in addition to shipping to our office.

Now we assess your collection and offer you the choice of agreeing a price that will be paid immediately – or of our bidding against other dealers so that you know you are achieving the best possible price.

that if an item has been previously unsold we actually tell you. Furthermore each time an item is unsold we reduce the price and we keep on reducing the price – until finally the lot sells or it is given away. In practice good material sells quickly whilst other material finally finds its own price and sells. This is the reason why there are always 1,000's of new offers at UPA .... and part of the reason why we are usually in a position to pay you more and pay you immediately.

Furthermore, unlike some, UPA has not one but 4 different selling systems selling 95% of stamps to collectors, so that when a collection is purchased the most valuable/

interesting stamps go into our Universal Philatelic Auctions (a NEW UPA UK record 2031 different bidders in the last auction). Intermediate/lower-priced sets/singles enter our Omniphil and Avon Approvals systems (established 57 years and over 1,250 regular collector clients), inexpensive stamps enter the Avon Mixtures system and eBay (universalphilatelic) for surplus material. All of which is why UPA can purchase and pay for almost literally anything.....

### WHAT DOES UPA BUY?

UPA literally purchases almost any country collection worth \$250 upwards from sets and singles to classics and entire British, British Empire, Europe and World collections. At the moment UPA has exceptional demand for original collections and GB & British Empire in particular.

### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL:

Dear Folk at UPA,

I've dealt with the public for 37+ years, and as both a consumer, and a businessman, I have created huge numbers of orders from all over the world from a complete range of suppliers from all aspects of our daily lives.

But I don't believe I have ever encountered such sensitivity, such kind thought, such understanding as I have with you in our initial meeting, our subsequent successful transaction, and now this.

I recall well the item you highlight, and realise that this one item has such colossal personal value, I could never part with it.

It has been an absolute pleasure dealing with yourself, and I am more than willing for you to use this e-mail as commendation to others who may be thinking of disposing of their collection.

Many, many thanks for a memorable experience, and I will try to emulate your thought and care in my own business sphere.

Yours sincerely

D. E. B. Bath, UK

SCOTTISH  
& NORTH  
OFFICE  
– BUYER

COTSWOLD,  
MIDLANDS  
& SOUTH  
– BUYER

National number please contact: Andrew McGavin or John Cowell on 01451 861 111  
number please contact: Andrew McGavin or John Cowell on 01451 861 111

**Guarantee:** We guarantee that you will never be under pressure at any stage of the process; you will always be in control. E-mail or Contact UPA now: 01451 861 111

### Why can UPA often pay considerably more?

We often buy at auction. That auction takes the "up to 36% more" that we pay that YOU DO NOT RECEIVE.

However – there is another equally important reason .... namely **The UPA Business Model**. Unlike most dealers we believe that if an item is not selling, then it must be too expensive. This is the reason why when you receive our quarterly catalogues of up to 22,495 different lots (you can request a sample one free) .... you will find

### What do I do next?

You contact UPA and talk to one of our friendly Team who will help to inform you so that you can decide how to progress matters .... there is no charge and no obligation .... please **CONTACT UPA NOW**.

Remember, if you are selling a collection .... collectors buy the stamps they are missing; this is why dealers exist. Most intact collections offered at auction sell to dealers. **Save commissions and uncertainty by contacting UPA today.** We guarantee that you will never be under pressure at any stage of the process, you will always be in control. **CONTACT our friendly UPA Team NOW: 01451 861 111**

If you'd like to discuss the sale of your collection please contact Elaine or Andrew on 01451 861111

Visit [www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) when you want to buy or sell stamps.

## UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

4 The Old Coalyard, West End Northleach, Glos. GL54 3HE UK

Tel: 01451 861111 • Fax: 01451 861297

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) • [sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:sellSM@upastampauctions.co.uk)



ANDREW PROMOTING PHILATELY ON THE ALAN TITCHMARSH SHOW ITV



REQUEST MY 'TIPS OF THE TRADE' FREE BOOKLET





*Philately Understood*

# WHAT EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT COLLECTING AND BUYING AND SELLING STAMPS

## Advance Notification of upcoming NEW 'Stamp Tips of the Trade' + 'Case Studies'

## Some *Plain Talk* about the simple business of stamps which often seems complicated

### Why is my business publishing this information?

I can remember the day I found my Father's stamp collection in the bottom drawer of the bureau in the dining room more than 45 years ago. Aged 11, I was excited travelling the world through his stamps. In those days every school had a stamp club and mine was no exception. I took the collection to school and joined the stamp club. When Mr. Armitage (the Chemistry Teacher who ran the club) asked what stamps we collected I said "Wurtemberg" – much to everybody's surprise. In fact they were from Austria and the page was misclassified. They were those imperforate 1920's Austrian Newspaper stamps which fascinated me and as everybody now knows are hardly worth anything ... but probably they helped me get started in stamps.

Over following years I found little help in understanding stamps, so much had to be learned the hard-way, which is why my company UPA publishes what I dare to hope are useful articles about collecting and buying and selling stamps. It is my hope that these prove valuable to you and that we may serve you if you decide to contact us ...

### There are several different types of stamp businesses

In fact no two stamp dealers are alike. What a truism that is. Once in Amsterdam I made the mistake of admitting to the owner of the stamp shop I was visiting that I was a dealer. In almost perfect English "We Don't sell to Dealers" and he turned his back. So did I - as I left his shop. But over the years I discovered that the only way to succeed in stamps was to create a business of stamp selling systems and join them all together. This is what allows us to handle stamps from literally every single country in the world. Recently in coming articles which I shall call 'Case Studies' the strength of this business model has become apparent.

### How can UPA help you?

#### *If You are Collecting You can Request ...*

1. **Auction:** Take £55 OFF Your 1st purchase (UK clients + selected countries) Offer: Request your Next Free UPA auction catalogue worth £15 comprising 20,000+/- lots from £'s to £1,000's. Apart from £55 OFF you'll benefit from UPA's Unique combination of features to collector colleagues – NO Buyer's Premium – Reducing Estimate System till sold or given away – All lots Guaranteed – Modest shipping + Free Insurance. **Request now – coupons by magazine Index**
2. **Approvals:** Take £25 OFF Your 1st Approvals purchase (UK clients + selected countries): Individually identified and priced stamp selections of stamps from most countries in the world sent to you on approval. You select those you want and return the rest with payment. Established 56 years. **Request now – coupons by magazine Index**

3. **OFF-paper WORLD / Country Mixtures** – Unit priced – buy those you want, return those you don't – UK clients SEND £6.45 – over 100,000 bags supplied. **Request now – coupons by magazine Index**
4. **On-line?** E-Bay clients – hundreds of lots starting 1p auctions though to £20,000 collections on-line. Visit [www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) for links to eBay account ID's: upa-global, universal-philatelic, upa-collectables, upa-online
5. **PRIVATE TREATY:** A new UPA selling system – valuable collections sold / matched to clients on a commission basis. Modest fees, No sale, No charge. British Empire collections required to £250,000, GB collections to £500,000, Collections / Postal History / Foreign from £2,000 upwards

#### If You are Selling Please Contact Andrew / Elaine at UPA:

Valuable Collections wanted: We can use and have clients who require GB collections to £500,000, British Empire / British Commonwealth to £250,000 and Foreign required. **Telephone, Fax or E-mail now.**

**"We Don't sell to Dealers" and he turned his back.**

### Why does UPA make Promotional Offers?

Unlike most other stamp companies we believe in giving before hoping to receive. We believe in proving to YOU that your trust in dealing with UPA is well founded. Proving to YOU in advance of asking you to purchase from us is much of our model.

Most collector colleagues stay with UPA which is why we can make you such an extraordinary offer. 1,700 different collectors (and some dealers) bid in our latest auction, 90% of whom won lots. Without pernicious buyer's premium average regular collector bidders save £250 a year at UPA. *Client loyalty is the reason why we can offer* 1st time buyers aged over 18 (!) £55 OFF your 1st auction purchase whether you spend more than £55 or not. **Request now – coupons by magazine Index**

### Advance Notification of NEW 'Stamp Tips of the Trade' and 'Case Studies' to follow

We're going to be publishing more articles in the coming months. If you would like to know more about how my company may serve you ... please use the coupons beside the Index in this **Stamp Magazine ...**

**if you are really interested please do it NOW, don't forget to Request My 'Tips of the Trade' FREE booklet too ! Please contact us in any way today**

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for reading

Andrew McGavin Managing Director UPA



Andrew Promoting Philately on the Alan Titchmarsh Show ITV

**Contact us in any way today**

**Universal Philatelic Auctions (SM4): 4, The Old Coalyard,  
West End, Northleach, Glos, GL54 3HE,  
Telephone: 01451 861111, Fax: 01451 861297  
E-Mail: [info@upastampauctions.co.uk](mailto:info@upastampauctions.co.uk)  
Web: [www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk)**

**REQUEST MY  
'TIPS OF THE  
TRADE' FREE  
BOOKLET**

